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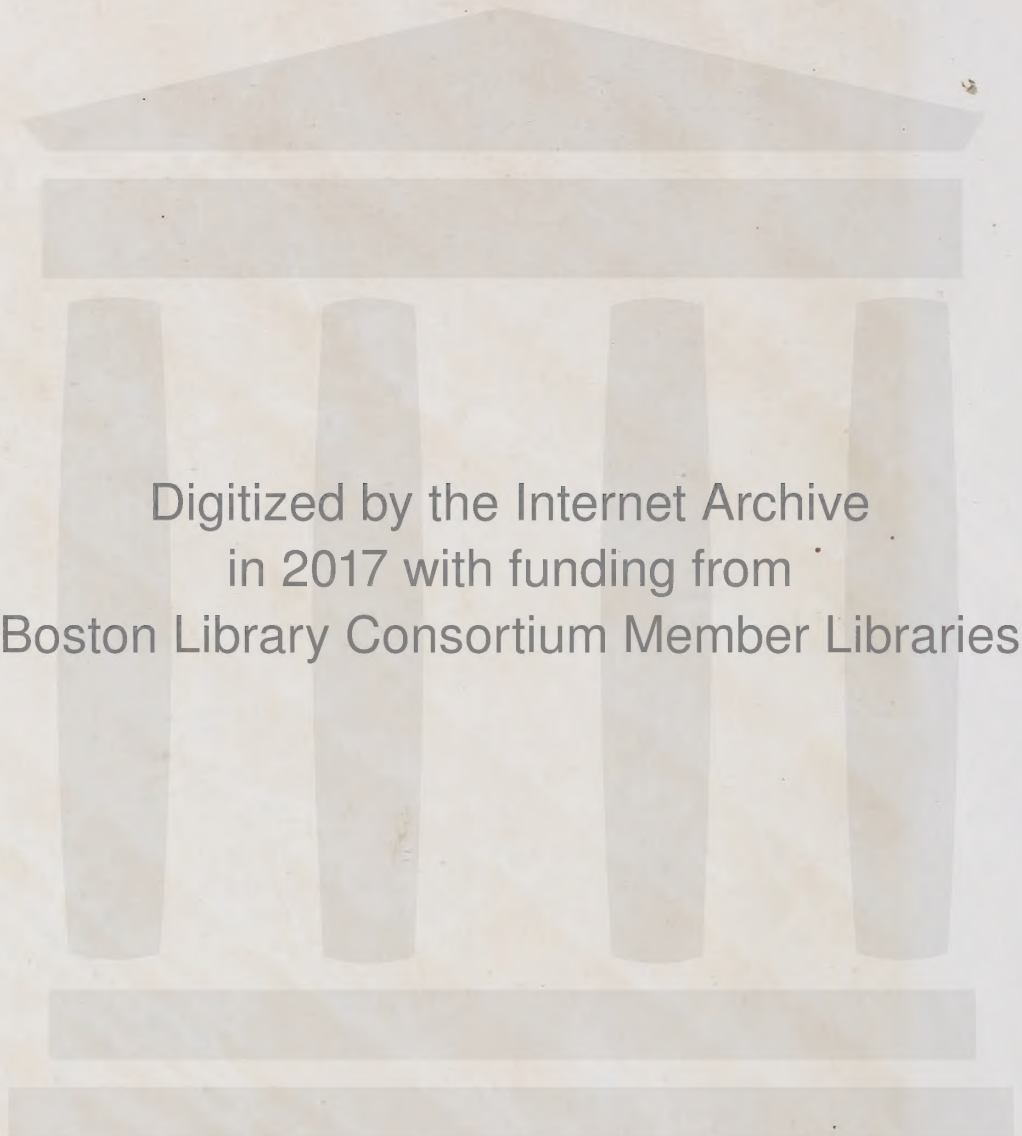

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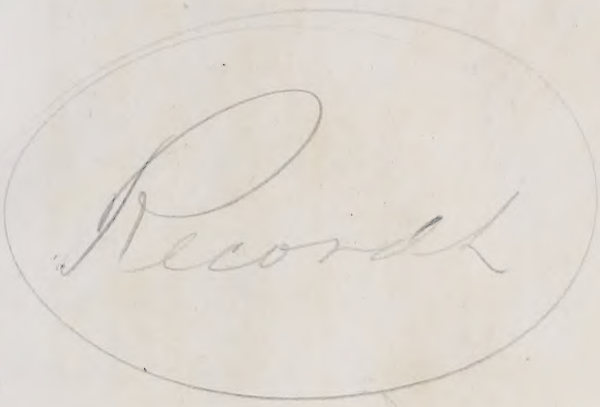
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Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Jany. 29.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Jane Stevenson, a widow living at service, desired to put her little girl into the Asylum. The City Missionary who recommended her considered her as very deserving and very poor.

It was therefore

Voted That Georgeanna Stevenson be admitted.

Mr. Johnson of Newbury N. H., to whom Mina Eberds had been bound, stated that he was about breaking up housekeeping in order to go to live with his married children, and that he had therefore no further need of Mina's services; he wished to transfer her to Mr. Moulton of Laconia N. H. He recommended the place as a very good one and it was

Voted That Mina Eberds be transferred to Mr. and Mrs. Moulton.

A half-sister of Martha Collins made application to take Martha in the spring, promising to send her to school. The matter was left undecided.

A letter was read from Mrs. Dowd complaining of Rosanna Rafferty.

The Treasurer presented a letter from Dr. Lawrence announcing a bequest of $100 from the late Mrs. Amos Lawrence. The Treasurer was requested to express to Dr. Lawrence the gratification of the Ladies at this remembrance from one who was for many years a valued member of their Board.

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Voted That all bills be paid.
Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Robbins be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record - Attest - Mary Anne Wales, Secy.

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Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held Feby. 26, 1867.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, and Twelve Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.
Voted That Mrs. Codman and Mrs. Bradlee be the Committee for the next month.

It was stated that the yard was damp and muddy and it seemed desirable that it should be drained in some way. It was

Voted That the matter be left to Mrs. Fearing.

The Treasurer reported that there was some money to be invested from Mrs. Lawrence's legacy, and also from the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co. Scrip, which had been paid off. Mr. Emmons advised buying new scrip issued by the same Company. It was

Voted To invest the money according to Mr. Emmons's advice.

Mrs. Experience C. Fiske had left a legacy of a thousand dollars to the Asylum. When the will was

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presented for probate the Judge decided that Mrs. Fiske was not competent to make a will. It had been thought advisable to appeal from this decision, and the Treasurer had accordingly signed a petition for that purpose.

Voted To ratify the action of the Treasurer in reference to the will of Mrs. Fiske.

Letters were read from Jacobina Koch and Rosanna Rafferty, the latter stating that she had left her place on account of very bad treatment and that she was living with Mrs. Firth in Richmond, and receiving $4.00 a month.

Application had been made by the mother of Lena Trebler to take her daughter. She was married a year ago to Mr. Philip Jung and was living at present in Williamsburg N. Y. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jung were highly recommended by the Pastor, Rev. Heinrich Heinecke through Rev. Mr. Schwarz of Boston. It was

Voted That Lena Trebler be bound to her mother and stepfather.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest— Sarah C. Paine for

Mary Anne Wales Secy.

March 1867

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, March 26.

The First and Second Directresses, and Eleven Managers were present.

The Treasurer and Secretary being absent Mrs. Dexter was appointed to fill the Secretary's place.

It was stated that Lena Trebler had been given up to her mother and that accounts of her safe arrival had been received.

Also that Georgianna Stephenson whose admission had been voted some months since had been received.

Also that Mary Ida Harvey, whose father had long been anxious for their admission into the Asylum, had been brought to the Institution during the last month, and admitted. It had been already voted to receive this child if no other place could be found for her.

A very bad report having been received of Maria Burgoyne, it was

Voted That Dr. Thayter have full authority to dispose of her as he shall see fit.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Fearing and Miss White be the Committee for the next month.

Mrs. Codman having been ill Mrs. Dexter had served with Mrs. Bradlee in her stead as Committee for the last month

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Information having been received from the heirs of Mrs. Fiske which made it doubtful whether it would not be better for the Asylum to withdraw its claim to that lady's legacy, it was

Voted That Miss Inches and Miss Paine are appointed a Committee to make such arrangements in the matter as they shall see fit.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

April 1867

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held April 30.

The Trustees and Eight Managers were present.

Mrs. Fearing reported that Maria Burgoyne had been sent to the State Alms house at Newburyport, but would probably be removed to the one at Bridgewater.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Mrs. Fearing said that Annie Sullivan had become very ill. Every thing that was possible had been done for her "Comfort, jellies and flowers had been [illegible] and beautiful flowers had been [illegible] Sunday School. It was

Voted To give Miss Newton $3.00 a week.

Mrs. Fearing stated that Carrie Russell had a bad arm caused by Scrofula, that she had told her mother the Asylum was not a proper place for her, and that she must be [illegible]

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It was stated that Mrs. Farrar had married again and had applied for her children.

Voted That she be allowed to have them

Mr. and Mrs. Howe of Roxbury applied for Anna Herrmann. The references were satisfactory and it was

Voted That Anna Herrmann be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Howe.

Two of the children whose eyes troubled them had been to the Eye and Ear Infirmary, where Dr. Derby had been very kind to them.

Mr. Safford reported that Liliana Bernstein was now eighteen, that she had been earning money for herself during the last year, and was now at work in a wool factory. It was thought that thirty dollars would be sufficient for her to pay for. Mr. Safford wished to take a small child, and it was decided that Miss Lamprey should take Alice Mason to Fitchburg to see Mr. and Mrs. Safford.

Capt. Simeon Mann of Orleans applied for Katharine Marone. He brought excellent references, and it was

Voted That Katharine Marone be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Mann.

Mr. Jas. S. Winchester applied for his granddaughter Mary Parker Kirk. It was

Voted That his request be granted.

Miss White and Mrs. Tracy were appointed a Committee to examine

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the Treasurer's books.

Miss Paine reported that the claim to Mrs. Fiske's legacy had been withdrawn, as it seemed clear that she had not been competent to make a will. Mrs. Sibley had signed a paper in behalf of the heirs agreeing to bear the expense of the steps already taken.

Voted That Mrs. Codman and Mrs. Ware be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

May 1887

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, May 24.

The First and Second Directresses and Eight Managers were present.

The death of Annie Sullivan, who had been for a long time sick, was reported to the Board.

The mother of Adelaide Fisher having remarried and being able to support her child, applied for her. It was

Voted That Adelaide Fisher be given to her mother and step-father.

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The father of Angelina Hartmann applied for his daughter. It was

Voted That his request be granted.

The mother of Gertrude Walker applied for her child and it was

Voted That she should take her on paying her board since she had been in the Asylum.

Mrs. Cobb of Dedham applied for a child and selected Charlotte Grooms; the references being satisfactory it was

Voted That Charlotte Grooms be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Cobb.

Mr. Dean of Taunton applied for a girl to take the place of Mary McDonough who had been well married from his house; he chose Mary Justin It was therefore

Voted That Mary Justin be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Dean.

It was reported that Miss Inches had received $10 from Mrs. Dorr of Richmond in payment for the services of Rosanna Rafferty.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Gracy and Mrs. Dexter be the Committee for the month of June.

The meeting was then adjourned.

June 1867

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on June 25.

The Second Directress, Treasurer, and Seven Managers were present.

It was

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Mrs. Ballard be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Walker had taken her little girl, paying her board.

Also that Mrs. Burpee of S. Braintree had brought to the Asylum a second child, Ida Frances, who had been voted in last November.

Mrs. Bartlett had visited Clara Kingsbury at W. Bridgewater, having heard a report that she was not well treated by Mr. and Mrs. Howard. Mrs. Bartlett found her looking well, but judged that she was made to work very hard. She found that Clara had not attended school, church, or Sunday school since she had been there. It was

Voted That Mrs. Ballard, who was acquainted with neighbors of Mrs. Howard's, should inquire into the matter; also that a letter should be written to Mrs. Howard.

Mrs. Bartlett had also seen Susan Moody who was living at Joppa Village E. Bridgewater with Mr. and Mrs. Keen, who expressed themselves perfectly satisfied with her.

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Complaint had been made to one of the Managers of the way in which Katharine Maroni was treated. It was

Voted That Mrs. Bartlett shall go to Orleans and investigate the case.

Dora Hoyt had been returned because her mother was not willing that she should be with a minister. It was a great disappointment both to the family and the child, as they were very fond of each other.

Mrs. Harvey wished to take her daughter Isabella to see if boarding in the Country would not improve her health. It was

Voted that her request be granted.

Mr. and Mrs. R. William Waterman of Athol, Mass. applied for Delia Kelley. They wished to adopt her. They brought a good reference from Mr. Hanaford clergyman in Athol; the Committee were pleased with their appearance, and it was

Voted That Delia Kelley be bound to Mr. and Mrs. R. William Waterman.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest. Sarah C. Paine for Secy.

July. 1867

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, July 30.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Four Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Bartlett had taken a short vacation during which she had visited several of the children. She brought excellent accounts of Katharine Marini, Emma Schlett, Nina Eberds, Ellen Donovel, and Mary Ann Lohead. Elvira Jenkinson had not been doing so well, but promised that she would try to be a better girl.

It was found on inquiry that Clara Kingsbury had evidently been neglected. A letter had been written to Mrs. Howard requesting her either to treat Clara differently or to return her to the Asylum and pay to the Institution $100. for not complying with the terms of the Indentures. Mrs. Howard had preferred the latter course, and it was therefore necessary to find another place for Clara; Mrs. Bartlett knew of several in Laconia. It was therefore decided to authorize Mrs. Bartlett to find a home for Clara before the next meeting.

It was stated that Miss Moody had gone for her vacation; also that Miss Marcy requested to take hers when Miss Moody returned. This request was granted.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Inches and Mrs. Ballard

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be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest— Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

August 1887

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday Aug. 27.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Four Managers were present.

It was stated that Clara Kingsbury had gone on trial to a good place in Laconia; Mr. and Mrs. Rundlett with whom she had been placed were relations of Miss Lamprey's.

It was mentioned that Caroline Russell, who was troubled with scrofula, had gone to the City Hospital.

The children had been to a very pleasant pic. nic in Milton and were invited to another in Weston by Mrs. Willard.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Fearing and Mrs. Lyman be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest— Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

Sept. 1887

Proceedings of the Members at their Annual Meeting held on Tuesday Sept 24.

The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Robbins. The meeting was opened with the repetition of the Lord's Prayer by all who were present. A hymn was then sung by the children, after which the ordinance of baptism was administered to those children whose names follow: Ida Frances Burpee, Susan Amelia Burpee, Mary Ida Harvey, Minnie Hope Wilson Georgianna Stevenson. The following Report was then read by Rev. Mr. Ellis.

The last year like so many that have gone before it has been one of prosperity to the Asylum. Our family was during the winter very large; indeed, at one time the house was so full that there was some hesitation about admitting more children, from fear of over crowding them. It was the first time since the erection of the present building that the Managers have been obliged, in weighing the reasons for and against the admission of a child, to take the want of room into consideration. Our numbers are not now so large, as several girls went to other homes in the Spring, and not many applications have been since received.

Nine children have been admitted since the last Annual Meeting, only eight of whom remain at present, as one was so much missed by her

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mother, that she paid her board at the rate of one dollar a week for the time she was here, according to our rules, and took her away. They were all cases that appealed to the sympathies of the Managers, though in none of them were the little girls entirely deprived of their natural protectors. Several, in fact, had both parents living, but desertion by either the father or the mother rendered them virtually orphans.

Seventeen faces that were with us at the last Anniversary, we miss today. One of the youngest children was given back to her mother. Fifteen have been sent to other homes according to our usual form of Indenture; nearly half of these have gone to live with their parents or other relatives; perhaps the Asylum differs from many Kindred Institutions in this respect; a considerable proportion of those who leave its shelter go back to parents or friends, when they have gained sufficient strength and training to work for themselves, and thus make some return to those who cared for them in their infancy; it is probably one reason that many mothers desire to place their little ones here in preference to other Institutions, that they know there is a chance, although no promise is ever given, that they can take them again, if the Managers are convinced that the home they can

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offer will be as well suited to the best good of the child, as one that they themselves could provide. One of our children, who for twelve years was never absent on Anniversary day, except when ill health compelled her to be away, has now been called to a better home. On earth she hardly knew any home but this, for she came to us when she was but five years old. As she was always a delicate child, the Ladies never expected that she would be able to work for her own support, and at the age when girls usually leave the Asylum she was retained in the house; She made herself especially useful in spite of the delicacy of her health in teaching the little children and attending to their various wants. Those who were in the habit of visiting the Asylum a few years ago must remember the sweet expression and smiling face of one whose willing feet were always ready to run on any little offices that were needed. For the last year or two she was very much of an invalid, and many children in their own homes might have been glad of the kind care which she received from loving friends here. Outside of the Household also were those who were interested in her; from the Sunday School especially many tokens of affection were received. But she was glad to go to a home where there would be no more weariness or pain, and to the nearer presence of Him on whom her heart had

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long been stayed.

During the year which ended last December sixteen of the girls finished their term of service. Several of these are earning their livelihood in shops; others are living in families, some very happily in the same places to which they were sent from the Asylum; some are with their relations; of a few we have lost the trace, and of one we should be glad to know nothing as she is not doing well.

We have this year endeavoured to obtain more exact information about those children who by being placed in other families have passed out of our immediate guardianship, but for whom we are responsible till they are eighteen years old. It has often been difficult to know as much about them as we should like, especially when they have been at a distance from us. Now we have arranged that our Matron should in the course of the year visit as many as is convenient, and thus far the plan has worked very well. A little personal intercourse discovers better than letters whether the relation between the girls and those who take them is a happy one, and a few words of friendly advice may sometimes ward off difficulties. The visits which the Matron has brought back have generally been very satisfactory on both sides, although one girl we were

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obliged to remove from her place.

Our treasury continues in good condition. We have spent largely, but we have also received largely. Our funds have been increased by the addition of two legacies of one thousand dollars each, one from Miss Lydia Gale, the other from Mrs. Amos Lawrence, who was for many years a faithful manager and friend of the Asylum.

This may seem a very short account to give of so large an Institution, but its friends will believe that though there is little to say much good has been accomplished and that we have striven to do the work in the spirit of him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

After the report the prizes were awarded. The prize of three dollars to the Most Deserving Girl was given to Elfrida Jane Crain; three dollars from the Appleton Fund were also given to her. The rest of the Appleton prizes were presented to the girls whose names follow.

To	Isabella Ann Fairborn	for Faithfulness	$5.00
"	Frances E. Sanborn	" Industry	$5.00
"	Sophronia C. Holton	" Scholarship	$5.00
"	Lydia E. Capgood	" Improvement	$5.00
"	Martha Jane Collins	" Improvement	$5.00
"	Lucy Ann Thomson	" Obedience	$5.00
"	Winifred M'Carty	" Industry	$5.00
"	Catharine E. Boland	" Improvement	$5.00

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To	Henrietta Howe	for	Good Behavior	$5.00
"	Maria M. Kirk	"	Improvement	$5.00
"	Mary E. Kilby	"	Obedience	$4.00
"	Abby Smith	"	Good Conduct	$5.00
"	Elizabeth E. Dyer	"	Improvement	$5.00
"	Lucy Claffee	"	Improvement	$3.00

When the prizes had been given out the children sang again; addresses were then made by Dr. Robbins, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Barry, and Mr. Edmands. More singing by the children followed and the services were closed by Rev. Dr. Robbins with a benediction.

The subscribers adjourned to the Managers' room to elect officers for the next year. The following list was unanimously chosen.

First Directress	Miss Elizabeth B. Inches
Second Directress	Mrs. Ozias Goodwin
Treasurer	Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary	Miss Mary Anne Wales

Managers

Mrs. Wm. Reynolds	Mrs. F. A. Tracy
Mrs. Albert Fearing	Mrs. F. C. A. Dexter
Mrs. Edward Codman	Mrs. P. H. Sears
Mrs. Charles E. Ware	Mrs. Otis Bullard
Mrs. F. H. Bradlee	Miss M. L. Robbins
Miss M. E. C. White	Mrs. Theodore Lyman

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Proceedings of the Managers.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Richmond had applied to take Sarah Lambert. The place was considered a good one, but as Mrs. Richmond was going to Europe for the winter it was thought best to keep Sarah in the Asylum for her till the Spring.

Mrs. Dora White applied for her daughter Sarah. Mrs. White was reported to be an excellent woman with two grown up sons, who were able and desirous of supporting their sister. It was therefore

Voted That Sarah Elizabeth White be bound to her Mother.

Mrs. Benjamin Thomson of S. Boston wished to take her half sister Martha Collins. The account of the place was a good one, and it was

Voted That Martha Collins be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Thomson.

Voted That the thanks of the Board be presented to Rev. Dr. Robbins for the admirable manner in which he conducted the services.

To Mr. Johnson for his kind instruction of the children in singing, and to Dr. Homans for his medical attendance through the year.

The Charity Box on being opened was found to contain $1.01.

Voted That all bills be paid

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Voted That Mrs. Ware and Miss Robbins be the Committee for the next month.
The meeting was then adjourned

A true record — Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Secy.

Oct. 1867 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday Oct. 29.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.
The Committee reported that Sarah White had gone to her mother according to the vote passed at the last meeting. That the sister of Martha Collins had preferred to have her remain in the Asylum till spring. That Mrs. Richmond had been very desirous to take Sarah Lambert immediately; She said that her sister who was to keep house for her during her absence would be a very excellent person to train a young girl. The Committee had therefore thought it best to accede to Mrs. Richmond's request.
It was also stated that Mary Elizabeth Kilby had been bound to Mr. and Mrs. Northrup of Providence. The subject had been spoken of at the last meeting, and a good recommendation of Mr and Mrs. Northrup had been received. It was

Voted That the act of the Committee in binding out Sarah Lambert and Mary

Oct. 1867. Elizabeth Kilby is approved by the Board.

Good reports were received of Lisette Hunt and Emma Hall.

Complaints of Mary Grant were made by Capt. Thomson; he also said that he was about to break up housekeeping and move to New York, and that he should therefore have no need of Mary's services. It was stated that Mrs. Grant would like to take her daughter. She was living at service in Newton in a family in which Mary also could be employed. It was therefore

Voted That Capt. Thompson be allowed to transfer Mary Grant to her mother.

Mrs. Maress applied to take her two children from the Asylum. Her husband whom she had been obliged to leave on account of his bad habits had now reformed; he was living with his wife in Chelsea and was supporting his family respectably. Under these circumstances it was

Voted That Sophia and Mary Jane Maress be bound to their father and mother.

One little girl had been admitted since the last meeting. She was brought by her mother. Mrs. Welch, a widow with six children, three of whom were dependent on her for support. She asked admission for her little girl as she found it impossible to maintain them all. It was

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting Helen Welch is approved by the Board.

Voted. That all bills be paid.

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Voted That Mrs. Codman and Mrs. Bradlee be the Committee for the next month

Voted That Miss White and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee for examining the Treasurer's books.

The following Report was read.

Treasurer's Report
Oct. 15, 1867

	Cash on hand Oct. 6, 1866		5412.74
Received	Interest - Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co.	2,800 -	
	" " " Appleton Fund	70.-	
	Dividends Western Railroad	130.-	
	" Lawrence Gas Co.	850.-	
	" Bank Stock - April	1,950.-	
	" " " Oct.	2,470.-	
	" Cocheco Co.	100.-	
	Interest - U. S. Bonds	742.-	
	Premium on gold	182.67	
	Interest - Atlantic Mutual Ins. Co. Scrip	189.90	
	" Conn. & Passumpsic Rivers R.R. Bond	35.-	
	78 Subscriptions	234.-	
	Mrs. Turner Sargent's Life Subscription	50.-	
	Charity box - 2 years	5.10	
	Board of children	54	
	5 years interest & extra dividend on deposit in Provident Institution for Savings	1344.50	
			11204.17
	Legacy from Miss Lydia S. Gale 1,000 - less 60. - U.S. tax	940	
	" " Mrs. Amos Lawrence 1000 - " " " "	940	
	Principal Atlantic Mut. Ins. Co. Scrip, paid off	3,165	
	Return of Capital Cocheco Co.	150	
	Stock dividend 3 9/10 shares Western R. R.	390	
			22,201.91

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Paid for	Provisions	3,167.32	
	Salaries of Matron & Teachers, and wages	1,894.30	
	Orders to the Matron for the use of the Asylum 865.—		
	Clothing	1,598.54	
	Repairs	1,418.69	
	Fuel	782.30	
	Incidental Expenses	274.33	
	Furniture	379.62	
			10,380.30
	Premiums to the best girls from the Appleton Fund	70.—	
	Premium from the anonymous fund of 1825	3.—	
	Conn. & Passumpsic Rivers R.R. Bond	1,000.—	
	Premium on above	15.—	
	Interest " "	3.70	
	Atlantic Mut. Ins. Co. Scrip	4,185.—	
	Stamp	1.25	
	4 shares Western Railroad	404.—	
	Left on deposit in Provident Ins. for Savings	1,344.50	
	Cash deposited in Boston Bank	4,795.16	
			22 201.91

Stock Account

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	40,000.—
" " " Appleton Fund	1,000.—
Bank Stocks	49,000.—
Lawrence Gas Co.	8,500.—
Cocheco Co.	500.—
Western Railroad	1,700.—
U. S. Bonds	11,500.—

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Conn. & Passumpsic Rivers R. R. Bond	1,000.–
Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co. Scrip	4,185.–
Suffolk Savings Bank	14,930.54
Provident Institution for Savings	4,514.63
	136,830.17

Errors Excepted

Sarah C. Paine Treasurer

This Report having been accepted the meeting was adjourned.

A True Record –

Attest – Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

November 1867

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

The Committee reported that Mrs. Bartlett of Winchester was very desirous to take Maria Kirk immediately, though the child would not be twelve years old till Spring. As Dr. Bartlett had been very kind in attending to the children's teeth and as the place was recommended as a most excellent one it was decided to grant Mrs. Bartlett's request. It was accordingly

Voted That Maria May Kirk be bound to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Bartlett.

The Committee also stated that the Matron had not lately been very well, and it was

Voted That Mrs. Bartlett be requested to take

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a few days vacation to refresh herself.

Voted That Mrs. Goodwin and Miss White be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest— Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

Dec. 1867 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday Dec. 31.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer Secretary and Twelve Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Bartlett had gone to Lacona for her vacation.

That the children had much enjoyed their Christmas festival with St. Robbins's Sunday School.

That Mrs. Kilby had applied for her niece Ella Jane Kilby. It was thought that the place would be a good one for the child, and it was therefore

Voted That Ella J. Kilby be bound to Mr. and Mrs. David E. Kilby.

Mrs. Kogel, a German woman came to the Asylum and requested to have her little girl admitted. She was living at service and earned 2.50 a week out of which she was obliged to pay 2.00 for her child's board. She was represented to be a woman of excellent character. It was

Voted That Amelia Kogel be admitted.

Mrs. Goodwin reported that Ellen Claffee was not behaving well at Mrs. Luckiman's,

Dec. 1867 and it was

Voted That Mrs. Tuckerman have leave from the Board to transfer Ellen to some other place.

Voted That the Committee for the next month are authorized to purchase cloth for sacks suitable for the children to wear in the Spring and fall.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Fearing and Mrs. Grace be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true Record —

Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Secy

List of girls whose apprenticeship ended during the year 1867 —

Catharine A. Sheed. Living with her Mother in Boston; is doing well

Mary Baldadat. With her Mother in Boston; still same

Fanny Hardy. Was at work at Chandler's a year ago.

Ella E. Gotsom. Doing well at her place at Miss Allen's in Mansfield.

Sarah E. Higgs

Katy O'Haran Doing well at Mrs. Greenough's.

Helen F. King With her aunt in Maine; doing well.

Isilana Roncarte. With Mr. and Mrs. Safford

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Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Jany 28.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Seven Managers were present.

The Committee reported that one child had been admitted. Her mother was an Englishwoman whose husband had been the mate of a vessel; she was left a widow with three children and found herself unable to maintain them. It was

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting Selena Edwards is approved by the Board.

An application was received from Miss Hooker of Sturbridge to take Georgiana Noble. The place seemed quite a desirable one for the girl and it was

Voted That Georgianna Ella Noble be bound to Miss Hooker.

The Committee also stated that the teachers of Mr. Hale's Sunday School had entertained the children with a Twelfth Night Festival as usual.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Bullard be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned

A true record.

Attest— Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

July 1865

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday July 3rd.

The Pres't and Secr't Directors, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Clara Kingsbury [illegible] had been sent to the Lancaster State Reform School. This arrangement was approved by the Board.

Also that Elisa Jenkins had been returned to Mrs. Blair with complaints of her being idle and boy. A. M. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hobart from Haverhill had applied for a girl, had boys' good references, and thought they should like Elisa it had been decided to [illegible] This act was approved by the Board.

It was also stated that Mrs. Tuckerman was dissatisfied with Ellen Claffee and that Mrs. S. W. Reed from Joppa Village near Bridgewater would probably like to take the girl. It was thought to be a favorable [illegible] for Ellen and it was therefore

Voted that Ellen Claffee be transferred from Mrs Tuckerman to Mrs. Reed.

The Committee also said that the Relations of Caroline Russell had been informed that they must take charge of her themselves if they did not wish her to be sent to the Almshouse, as the Scrofulous nature of her disease would prevent her being kept longer at the Asylum.

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A letter was read from the mother of Carolie Coltman in which it was mentioned that she and her husband both desired Caroline to live with them. It was therefore

Voted That Caroline Coltman be given up to her mother and Stepfather whenever they shall desire to take her.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Fearing and Miss White be the Committee for the next month.

It was mentioned that the children had had pleasant holidays at home on Feby. 22.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest— Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

March 1868 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, March 31.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Bartlett and Miss Lamprey had both been in poor health but that they were better now.

That Caroline Russell had been taken by her relations.

Application for Augusta Bishop was made by Mr. Morill N. Young of Nashua N. H. The recommendations being good it was

Voted That Augusta Bishop be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Morill N. Young

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Mrs. Gallely applied to take her daughter, Catharine. The lady with whom Mrs. Gallely was now living gave her an excellent character and Mrs. Bartlett also thought well of her. It was therefo

Voted That Catharine Gallely be bound to her mother.

A letter was read from the Trustees of the property of the late Mrs. Abigail Loring, stating that they were now ready to pay to the Asylum the sum of Five Thousand dollars to be appropriated to the general purposes of the Institution. It was

Voted That this bequest be gratefully accepted on the condition named by the Trustees.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Codman and Mrs. Bradlee be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record — Attest — Mary Anne Hales. Secy.

April 1868 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday April 28.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Twelve Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Caroline Colman had been taken by her mother and stepfather according to a vote passed some months

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ago. That Gertrude Walker had been readmitted. Her mother finding herself unable to support

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her was now willing to give her up to the Asylum.

Three English children had been admitted. Their names were Amelia, Mary, and Emma Tebenham. They were when brought to the Asylum in a state of great destitution and neglect. The Mother, their only surviving parent, had been a long time sick and had now gone to the Hospital.

Two other children had also been admitted; one, Matty Cunningham, was brought by her mother, an American widow living at service in Dorchester; the other Nelly Powers was known by Mrs. Codman; she was without parents and had no relations on whom she had any claim for support. It was

Voted . That the act of the Committee in admitting all these children is approved by the Board.

The Committee stated that Mr. and Mrs. Willis of Bridgewater would like to take Susan Parker. They sent good recommendations.

Also that Mrs. Bowers a lady living in Jamaica Plain with whom Mrs. Bartlett was very well acquainted applied for Elizabeth E. Dyer. Mrs. Bartlett spoke of her as a very excellent woman. It was therefore

Voted That Susan Ann Parker be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Willis and that Elizabeth E. Dyer be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Bowers.

It was also stated that the Grandmother of Julia Leary had found a place for her grandchild which she hoped the Managers would approve. Mrs. Vanstone, the lady who

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was willing to take Julia was recommended by the Matron of the Pleasant St. Hospital and by Mr. Williams, Rector of the Church of the Messiah. These circumstances having been heard, it was

Voted That Julia Leary be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Vanstone.

Mrs. Kelly made application to take her daughter Alice. It was thought best that the Committee for the next month should make inquiries and should grant Mrs. Kelly's request if they should find she could offer a suitable home to her child.

Mrs. Codman reported that Miss Macy was obliged on account of her health to give up all work for the summer; she was very anxious however to retain her place and come back in the fall. The Managers decided to grant her request and empowered the Committee for the next month to engage a substitute to fill Miss Macy's place for the summer. It was also

Voted That Miss Lampsey be requested to take a vacation to recruit her health.

It was mentioned that Miss Moody had taken a fortnight's vacation to visit her mother who was sick.

It was decided to repaper one or two of the rooms and to purchase chairs for one of the rooms in which they were needed.

The Treasurer applied for instructions as to the investment of various sums of money which she had on hand. It was

Voted That the money be invested in two

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way which Mr. Emmons and Mr. Paine may recommend.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Miss White be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Reynolds and Miss Robbins be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record - Attest - Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

May 1868

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, May 26.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Nine Managers were present.

The Committee reported that a new teacher, Miss Morton, had been engaged to fill Miss Marcy's place for the summer. She had graduated last year at the Normal School, and though young seemed competent to do the work required of her, and was liked very much.

Miss Lamprey becoming more ill had been obliged to go home where she had since been attacked with typhoid fever. Miss Fellows, a person whom Mrs. Bartlett knew, had been engaged to take her place, and seemed a very good, good sempstress.

Two children had been admitted since the last meeting. Lola Williams had been in the Asylum before and had been removed by her mother on payment of her

Dec 1868 understood she could remove the child whenever she pleased. She and Louisa were to be supported in Florida by her Father who lived there.

The Board approved the action of the Committee in allowing the little girl to leave the Asylum.

Application for Lucy Thompson was made by Mr. and Mrs. Ross of Sayrville. They sent an excellent recommendation from the minister of the Congregational church in that place. It was

Voted That Lucy Ann Thomson be bound to Mr. and Mrs. John Ross.

Mrs. Williams, a woman whose good character was known to Mrs. Fearing wished to take her niece. Mary Ellen McWilliams. It was

Voted That her request be granted.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Crosby of Brattleboro' applied to adopt Emily Finn; they had already taken her sister from the Orphan Asylum, and were so much interested in them that they now wished to take his sister. Mrs. Gwynne recommended the place as a most desirable one. It was accordingly

Voted That Emily Finn be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Crosby.

Mrs. Kane from E. Cambridge brought her two little step-daughters, twins, and asked for them a home in the Asylum. Her husband was a man of bad habits and he had lately deserted his family. It was

Voted That Sarah Jane and Mary Eliza Kane be admitted.

Mrs. Pinkham, a very respectable widow, who had

June-1868 done sewing at the Asylum the last month, wished to put her little girl here as soon as she should recover from the whooping-cough. It was

Voted That the Committee for the month are authorized to admit this child whenever her mother brings her.

Very good accounts were received from Mary Justin and Ellen Donovel.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Mrs. Ballard be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record — Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

July 1868 Proceedings of the Managers at their Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, July 28, 1868.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Five Managers were present.

The Committee reported that one little girl had been admitted during the month. The mother, Mrs. Service, was a widow with six children and very needy. It was

Voted That Elizabeth Service be admitted

Application was made for the admission of her two children by a woman whose husband went to California three years ago and had not been heard from since. The woman was to bring recommendations to the Managers at their meeting. As she did not appear it was

Voted That the Committee are authorized to admit these children if they deem it desirable

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Mr. and Mrs. Gardner who adopted Alberta Williams were visited to [illegible] her to the Asylum, their circumstances had not been good and it was also thought that they found the little girl difficult to manage. It was

Voted That Alberta be received again into the Asylum.

Mr. Sheldon had been to a picnic in Melton, besides which Mrs. Bartlett had taken several of the older girls to Detroit. They had also had a number of visitors at home.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Sears be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest – Mary Anne Wales, Secy.

August 1868

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Aug. 25.

The First Directress, Treasurer, and Five Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Ellen Claffee was in want of a place as Mr. Reed had been obliged to break up housekeeping owing to his wife's illness. Mrs. Bartlett knew a lady in Lacona, Mrs. Melcher, who would like to take Ellen and who would give her an excellent home. It was accordingly

Voted That Ellen Claffee be transferred to Mrs. Melcher.

The Committee also stated that Alberta Williams had been returned according to

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the vote passed at the last meeting.

That Miss Macy was better but that Miss Lamprey was still poorly.

That Mr. Crosby had not yet decided to take Emily Finn.

Mrs. Cross, a widow recommended by Miss Foss, presented two little girls for admission. Her husband enlisted during the war, but died in camp before he had seen service, leaving her with four children to support. Two of these were already provided for and she asked for the others a home in the Asylum. It was

Voted That Mary Ann and Emma Cross be admitted.

A letter was received from Mr. Oliver C. Swift stating that he had paid Fifty dollars to Ann J. Hazelett whose term of service had now expired, and that she was to remain in his family for the present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Dexter be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record - Attest - Sarah C. Paine for Secretary

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Proceedings of the Members of the Boston Female Asylum at their Annual Meeting held in Tuesday Sept 29 -

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. E. Robbins. This was followed by singing by the children, after which the Rite of Baptism

Sept. 1878 was administered to the children whose names follow: Addie Gertrude Walker, Selena Edwards, Matilda Cunningham, Millie Powers, Laura Estrude Allen. After the following report was read by Rev. Rufus Ellis.

An examination of the last year's records affords us usual very abundant material for the yearly report. Little is to be found there beside the names of the children who have left their quiet home in the Asylum to take their place in the more stirring outside world, and those of the new comers who have filled their places here, together with the circumstances attending the various arrivals and departures, details most of which would prove of no interest except to those immediately concerned in them.

Of these changes we have had this year rather more than usual. Of the large number of girls who have left the Asylum, twenty-two in all, more than half have been restored to the care of their mothers, or other near relatives who were interested in their welfare. Some perhaps question whether, if a mother is once reduced to the necessity of putting her children into an institution, it is wise to give her the charge of them again. But in this land we feel no doubt. Those who do not may consider the difference which a few years makes in a young girl. Any child under nine is generally a positive hindrance to a hard-working mother, who has also the

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expense of her Support; but a few years and good training bring the Strength and experience, which will transform her into a useful assistant at home, or enable her to "Contribute to outside work her Share towards the maintenance of the family. No girl under twelve can of course be expected to do anything of this kind, and we do not allow a mother except under peculiar circumstances to take a child under that age. Several exceptions to this rule occurred however during the last year. One little girl went to Florida, where her grandmother offered a home to her mother and herself. One an invalid, was taken by her mother to Maine with the hope that pure air and country occupations might prolong her life. Only a few days ago we received the news of the death of her older Sister, who was also taken by her mother two or three years ago. She expressed great gratitude for the Care which had been taken of her at the Asylum and much affection for Mrs. Bartlett and many of the Managers. Two children, whom we had taken into our family although both their parents were living, were claimed by their mother, when her husband had so reformed his way of life that she felt sure of providing them with a respectable home. her claim was allowed, and we hope that the reform was a real and lasting one, so that the children may not have suffered from the change. Sometimes also brothers, who when their Sisters are placed here are too small to

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be of much account in providing for the family expenses, become in a few years steady young men, with good wages, able and willing to take care of them. The case of this sort mentioned the last year. It may hardly be necessary to repeat what has been said perhaps in different forms in earlier reports, that we believe more and more strongly in the family tie, and though it may be necessary to loosen it for a time, it is always well when the threads can be bound together again. The Lord has set the solitary in families, and it becomes us to follow where we can His all-wise provisions.

The additions to our family list are not so few as might be supposed from the small number when you have been baptized. Nineteen children have been admitted, not all of them however strangers. Two had been with us before for a short time, but had been removed by their mothers on the payment of their board according to our rules. They brought them here again when their efforts to support them had proved unavailing, with the promise that there should be no further interference with the wishes of the Managers concerning them. One of the seventeen new children was left without either parent and with very few friends, but among these few she was fortunate enough to reckon one of our Managers, whose kindly interest brought her here. Most of the rest were the children of widows, some of whom were at service, and had therefore a special claim upon us,

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for to the difficulty of earning enough for their children and themselves was added that of finding a good home for the little ones. Boarding places where the right influences will be brought to bear on children are not common even when the money can be raised with comparative ease.

There are at present Seventy eight children in the Asylum.

Eight girls ended their term of apprenticeship last December, and of all but one, who had not been heard from for some time, the Matron could say that they were doing well, Some in the families to which they went from the Asylum, one at work in a Shop, and Some with their mothers or aunts.

The health of the children has as usual been excellent; we have had for a long time only a good account to give of that. We wish we could say as much for the other members of the household; but the Matron and two of her assistants were invalids for a good deal of the winter and Spring, the latter so seriously out of health that we have been obliged at least temporarily to supply their places.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of five thousand dollars from the trustees of the estate of the late Mrs. Abigail Ann, together with about twelve hundred dollars interest which has accumulated during the last few years, while the question concerning the disposal of the property was still undecided.

We have also received a bequest of one hundred

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Address from Mrs. Sophia Fay. The Asylum
need not complain of any neglect on the part
of its friends. They have always by gift and
legacy liberally provided for it. We are
sure it has deserved the favor it has
received and it seems right that in its
maturity it should be able to live comfort-
ably on the income of its funds without
the need of the struggles to meet its yearly
expenses which younger Societies must almost
necessarily undergo. We wish that all our
Sister charities were as well provided for as
we are, and we hope that as years go on
the younger ones who are doing their good
work may also be liberally endowed, and
that they and we may alike receive the
blessing of the Lord without which no
good work can prosper.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

The Appleton Prizes were next distributed as
follows.

To	Lydia E. Hapgood	for Good Conduct	3.00
"	Isabella A. Fairborn	" Improvement	5.00
"	Sophronia C. Holton	" Improvement	5.00
"	Frances E. Sanborn	" Improvement	5.00
"	Elfrida J. Strain	" Improvement	5.00
"	Abby C. Wilson	for Improvement & Industry	5.00
"	Winfred McCarty	" Obedience & Improvement	5.00
"	Abby Smith	" Improvement	5.00
"	Annie E. Sanborn	" Obedience	5.00
"	Elizabeth Strain	" Improvement	5.00
"	Agnes Boland	" Improvement	5.00

Sept-1868 To Louisa A. Schlett for Industry 3.00
" Sarah Webber " Improvement 4.00
" Caroline E. Remington " Obedience 3.00

The prize from the anonymous fund for the Most Deserving girl was awarded to Lydia E. Hapgood.

The children sang again after which addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Ellis, Rev. Mr. Edmands and several other gentlemen. The addresses were followed by more singing. The benediction was then pronounced by Rev. Dr. Robbins and the subscribers adjourned to the Managers' room to elect officers for the ensuing year.

The following list was unanimously chosen:

First Directress	Miss Elizabeth B. Inches
Second Directress	Mrs. Otis Goodwin
Treasurer	Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary	Miss Mary Anne Wales

Managers

Mrs. Albert Fearing	Mrs. J. C. A. Dexter
Mrs. Edward Codman	Mrs. P. H. Sears
Mrs. C. E. Wade	Mrs. Theodore Lyman
Mrs. F. H. Bradlee	Mrs. Otis Bullard
Miss M. E. C. Whilde	Miss M. A. Robbins
Mrs. T. M. Tracy	

Proceedings of the Managers

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, and nine Managers were present.

The Committee reported that three

Sept 1868 Children had been admitted since the last meeting. Two of them, Viola and Rachel Ernestine Steed were recommended by Mr. Babcock, their mother was a widow with four children to support. The third Margaret Sheedy, had been at the Roman Catholic Asylum and at Mrs. Gwynne's Home; her father had died before she was born. It was

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting these children is approved by the Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Crosby decided that they preferred to take Florence Mason instead of Emily Finn. It was therefore

Voted That Florence Mason be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Crosby.

It was stated that Gertrude Marsh had run away from her place and that they had no clue to her.

Mr. Young made such representations of the misconduct of Augusta Bishop that the Managers granted him leave to send her to the New Hampshire State Reform School.

It was necessary to transfer Mena Eberds. Mr. Moulton to whom she had been bound was dead, and Mrs. Moulton was borne with her mother; Mena's home with them was not happy. Mrs. Bartlett knew of several persons who would like to take her and it accordingly left to her to choose the place.

Mrs. Chas. Rowe of Gilmanton applied for Mary Ferguson. It was

Voted That Mary Ferguson be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rowe.

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It was stated that the mother of Mary E. Herron had married again and wished to take her child. This matter was left for the Committee to decide.

Miss Moody applied for leave to take a four weeks' vacation. It was

Voted That her request be granted.

Mrs. Hale asked whether in case the Howard Industrial School were broken up Several Colored Children Could be received into the Asylum. The question was put to vote and it was decided by a vote of five to four ladies that it would not be advisable.

A note was read from Mrs. Reynolds resigning her place as Manager. It was

Voted That the Ladies regret the causes which have made Mrs. Reynolds's resignation necessary, and that this regret be expressed to her.

It was reported that Katharine Kelley, who had been taken by her mother one or two years ago, had lately died. She expressed much affection for Mrs. Bartlett and gratitude for the care taken of her at the Asylum.

The charity box on being opened was found to contain $1.12.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Codman and Miss White be the Committee for the next month.

Before the meeting adjourned the following vote was passed.

Voted That the Ladies wish to express their deep appreciation of Mrs. Hales's long and valued services at the Asylum and their sympathy

Sept. 1868 with her friends in her loss.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Sarah C. Paine for Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

Oct. 1868 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

The Second Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Mary E. Herons's mother had not appeared.

That Catharine Farrell who had been taken by her Mother was very unhappy at the prospect of being boarded by her in the Roman Catholic Asylum.

Mr. Geo. W. Andros, a gentleman from Taunton who was recommended by Mr. Dean, made application for Lucy Claffee. It was

Voted That Lucy Claffee be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Andros.

Excellent accounts were received of Mary Ann Lohead and Elizabeth Kilby; the latter was liked so much by Mrs. Northrup, that she wished to adopt her.

Application was made for the admission of a little girl from the Children's Mission, who was troubled with lameness in her hip; it was not thought however that this lameness was of such a nature as to give the Matron any extra care. It was therefore

Voted That this child be admitted, on condition

Oct. 1868 that She be returned to the Mission in case She does not prove a fit Subject for the Asylum.

It was

Voted That Miss Marianne Paine be invited to fill the place in the Board left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Reynolds.

Voted That the Committee for the month are authorized to purchase felt hats for the children's winter wear.

Voted That Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Ware be the Committee for the next month.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Miss White and Mrs. Tracy be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

The following report was read.

Treasurer's Report
Oct. 16, 1868

	Cash on hand Oct. 15, 1867		47 95. 16
Received	Interest Mass. Hospital Life Ins Co	26 00.	
	" " " Appleton Fund	65.-	
	Dividends Western Railroad	170.-	
	" Lawrence Gas Co.	85 0.-	
	" Bank Stock	4732.-	
	" Cocheco Co.	80	
	Interest U. S. Bonds	745.56	
	Premium on gold	222.85	
	" Atlantic Mutual Ins. Co. Scrip	270.-	
	" Conn. & Passumpsic Rivers R.R. Bond	70.-	
	" Cin. & Indianapolis R. R. Bonds	175.-	
	" Burlington & Missouri R. R. Bonds	232.75	
	73 Subscriptions	219.-	

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Received	Charity Box	1.12	
	Donation	3.—	
	Sale of desks	19.50	
	5 years interest and extra dividend on deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	6240.66	16,696.44
	Of the Trustees of Mrs. Abigail Loring		5,000.—
	Interest on above		1271.67
	Legacy from Mrs. Sophia Fay of Fitchburg		100.—
	½ Principal of Atlantic Mut. Ins. Co. Scrip paid off		2250
			30,113.27

Paid for	Provisions		3344.24
	Salaries of Matron & Teachers and wages		2021.82
	Orders to the Matron for the use of the Asylum		860.—
	Clothing		879.09
	Repairs		3346.65
	Incidental expenses		415.50
	Furniture		352.22
			11,219.52
	Premiums to the best girls from Appleton Fund		65.—
	Premium from anonymous fund of 1823		3.—
	2 Shares Boston and Albany R.R.		220.—
	7 Burlington & Missouri R.R. Bonds (Loring Fund)		6280.—
	Interest on above		68.84
	4 Burlington & Mo. R.R. 8 per. cent Bonds		4375.—
	Interest		116.67
	Cash deposited in Old Boston National Bank		4167.32
			30,113.27

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Stock Account

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	40,000.—
" " Appleton Fund	1,000.—
Bank Stock	49,000.—
Lawrence Gas Co.	8,500.—
Cocheco Co.	500.—
Western Railroad	1,900.—
U. S. Bonds	11,500.—
Conn. & Passumpsic Rivers R. R. Bond	1,000.—
Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co. Scrip	2,250.—
Cincinnati & Indianapolis R. R. Bonds	4,375.—
Burlington and Missouri R. R. Bonds	4,000.—
" " Loring Fund	6,280.—
Suffolk Savings Bank	14,930.54
Provident Institution for Savings	4,514.63
	149,750.17

Errors Excepted

Sarah C. Paine, Treasurer

This report having been accepted the meeting was adjourned.

A true record.

Attest— Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

Nov. 1868 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The Second Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Eight Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Clemantine Edwards, [illegible] Edwards, for admission permission had been given by the Board

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on the Sprowl had been brought to the Asylum during the month.

A little girl hardly three years old named Josephine Swift had also been taken in. Her mother was a miserable looking American woman who had never been married, but who meant now to lead an honest life. The act of the Committee in admitting this child was sanctioned by the Board.

Miss Marcy had returned and resumed her duties. It was judged necessary to remind both the teachers that their position in the house was subordinate to that of the Matron.

Complaints were received of Anna Herrmann, and it was evidently desirable to transfer her to another place. A suitable situation for a girl was offered by a lady in Plymouth N.H., and it was decided that Mrs. Bartlett should propose to her to take Anna Herrmann.

It was

Voted That suitable arrangements be made for warming the dining room, and that it be heated in the way which shall seem best to Mrs. Bartlett and Mr. Bundy.

A letter was read from Eliza Brown announcing her proposed marriage.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Sears and Miss Robbins be the Committee for the next month.

The ladies were much pleased to hear that Miss Marianne Paine had consented to become a member of the Board.

The meeting was then adjourned — A true record

Attest Mary Anne Wales, Secy.

Dec. 1868

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Dec. 29th

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Nine Managers were present.

The Committee reported that the lady with whom Anna Herrmann lived had concluded to keep her till the Spring.

Mrs. Barnes, a widow now living as nursery woman with Mrs. Lawrence, had applied for the admission of her little girl. It was

Voted That this child be admitted whenever her mother brings her to the Asylum.

The Committee also stated that some of the children had been quite sick but that they were now recovering.

Applications for increase of wages were made by the Cook and the Laundress. It was

Voted That the Cook's wages be raised to $3.50 a week; that the laundress be informed that more washing must be done and that an assistant must be hired. It was also

Voted That an assistant Seamstress be hired if necessary to finish the children's nightgowns.

Voted That Miss Inches have a talk with Miss Moody respecting her duties.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Fearing and Miss Robbins be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true Record

Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

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Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Jany. 26.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

The Committee reported that they had thought it best to keep the laundress till the First of March giving her 4.50 a week.

One little girl had been brought back to the Asylum by her Mother who took her to Chicago last Spring with the expectation of supporting her there; in this she had failed and now asked for her a home in the Asylum a second time. It was

Voted That her request be granted.

Mrs. Ladd, a lady living in Gilmanton N.H. and acquainted with Mrs. Bartlett, had applied for a girl and had left the selection to Mrs. Bartlett. Mrs. Bartlett had decided that Sarah Noble was a suitable girl for the situation. It was therefore

Voted That Sarah Noble be bound to Mr. & Mrs. Ladd.

Application for the admission of two children had been made by their aunt. Their mother was dead and their father who had been disabled in the war had gone to New York where he had a chance to take care of a building. It was

Voted That these children be admitted.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Bradlee be the Committee for the next month. The meeting was then adjourned

A true record. Attest, Mary Anne Wales, Secy

Feby. 1869 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Feby. 23.

The First Directress, Treasurer and Nine Managers were present.

The Committee reported that application for Eliza Smith had been made by her mother, who was married again and living in Montreal. Her first husband had been Killed on a gun boat and she stated that she had lately begun to receive a pension. Eliza had been Visited by her Mother two years ago in case the Committee found her a Suitable person; She had not been taken on account of her Mother's illness.

It was now therefore

Voted That Eliza Smith be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Breman.

Mr. Stevenson applied to put into the Asylum an orphan niece whom he had adopted. He was thought to be at times intemperate and was now going to Colorado; his wife, a very Christian woman, was going to Maine. It was

Voted That this Child be admitted.

Application for the admission of a little girl was made by the Children's Mission. A place had been found for her, but her mother would not allow her to stay in it as she could not see her there. The father was not living; the little girl was only two years and a half old, but as Mrs. Bartlett did not object, it was

Voted That She be admitted.

Miss Moody applied for two months' leave of absence; She did not expect her wages

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to be continued. It was

Voted That her Request be granted and that Miss Morton be engaged to supply her place.

Mr. Joseph Kane ~~came to the Asylum and~~ wished to take his two daughters who had been placed here last June without his knowledge. As he seemed willing that they should remain here provided they were not sent to a place, and as the Managers had reason to suppose that he was not a good man, it was decided to write to him and endeavor to persuade him to allow them to remain for the present.

Mrs. Rowe wrote to complain of Mary Ferguson and it was

Voted That Mrs. Bartlett shall get her another place if she can.

Emma Hall also was reported to be trouble. Some and an account not very good was received of Mary Kirk.

Voted That Mrs. Godwin and Mrs. Sears be the Committee for the next month.

Voted That all bills be paid.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true Record - Attest Sarah C. Paine for Sec'y.

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Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday March 30.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary, and Eleven Managers were present.

The Committee reported that the little girl under three years old mentioned at the last meeting had never been brought to the Asylum.

Elizabeth Stevenson had come and three other children had been admitted since the last meeting. Two of these, Mary Frances and Jane McGuire, had been voted in at the January meeting; the third was a daughter of Mrs. Street, two of whose children had been for some time in the Asylum. It was

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting Annie Eutemia Short is approved by the Board.

Five other children were presented for admission. Two were the children of an American woman named Allard; She had been deserted by her husband and wished to put two of her children into the Asylum. Two of the others also American children, were named Tilden; their Step-Father was a drunkard and at times was very violent; their mother was living but seemed to Mr. Barry, who applied for the admission of the little girls, to be a woman of doubtful character. The fifth child belonged to Mrs. Cross who had already put two children into the Asylum. It was

Voted That all these children be admitted.

The Committee also stated that Ellen Claffee and Eliza Jenkinson had both been

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returned to the Asylum. Ellen had now gone to Saugus to live with Mr. S. A. Parker, who was to pay wages quarterly at the rate of $1.00 a week for her services. the money was to be paid to Mrs Bartlett who was to supply her with clothes. Elisa had gone to Natick to her uncle and aunt, Mr. & Mrs. Ambler who were recommended as very worthy people. Elisa was quite willing to go as she had been very kindly treated when she lived with them as a young child.

Emma Lin had run away from her place which had proved a very bad one and was now under the charge of one of the Managers of the Temporary Home.

Anna Hellmann also was to leave her place for one in Canton with Mr. and Mrs. Dickenson.

It was also stated that Emma Parker was very ill with disease of the heart.

Voted That Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee for the next month.

Voted That all bills be paid.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record — Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Secy

April 1869.

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, April 27.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Ten Managers were present.

The Ladies heard with much regret from Miss Inches that they were to lose the valuable services of Mrs. Goodwin, She having tendered her place as Second Directress.

The Committee reported that Emma Nix had been discontented and run away from the place which had been provided for her. She was now in the Country living with the Parents of Mr. and Mrs. Weatherbee. It was decided that the Committee for the next month should ascertain whether Emma's present situation is a desirable one for her.

Gertrude Marsh who had run away last September had returned to her home ruined. It was necessary for her to be in some hospital and Mr. Woodward, the gentleman to whom She had been bound, had undertaken to provide a place for her.

Mrs. Hoyt, now Mrs Rouly, made application for her daughter Dora. She had married a farmer in the neighborhood of Brookfield, and feeling able to take one of her children wished for Dora, with whose situation She had never been entirely satisfied. As Mr. and Mrs. Livesey who had adopted Dora had found her trouble some and had been obliged to place her in another family, it was thought that there would be no difficulty in transferring Dora to her mother's care, and the Managers concluded that this would be the best arrangement.

Mr. Boland came to the Asylum

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and wished to take his two children. He was told that his request would be granted, provided he could bring a note from Miss Ewer, through whose interest the little girls had originally been placed here stating that in her opinion he was able to support them.

Mr. Dickenson not having returned to take Anna Herrmann it was

Voted That She be bound to Mrs. Boyt a dressmaker in Charlestown. Anna being quick at sewing it was thought that this would be a good place for her.

Mrs. Harvey had applied to take her daughter Elizabeth. It was decided that She had better come at the next Board meeting with her References and then state what means She had of supporting the girl.

The mother and Step father of Nettie Towne who lived in Jobs Hill wished to remove her from the Asylum. As the agreement Surrendering children to the Asylum had never been Signed in Nettie's case, it was concluded unnecessary to make any investigations Concerning her relations, as they and not we had the legal claim to her, and they must be allowed to take her.

Mrs. Newhall of Saugus wished to take Ellen Whittier. Mrs. Newhall sent an excellent recommendation and seemed, from her note to be a good person to have the care of a child.

It was therefore

Voted That Ellen Jane Whittier be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Newhall.

A note was received from Miss Marcy

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resignation her place at the Asylum. It was Voted That this resignation be accepted, and that inquiries be made by the committee as to the wants as to an assistant teacher to supply Miss Mayo's place.

As a part of the yard needed to be bricked, Mr. Burt was chosen at Mrs. Fearing's suggestion as the most suitable person to take charge of the work, which the Ladies decided should be done at whatever time Mr. Burt could arrange for it at a reasonable rate.

Voted That Mrs. Godman and Mrs. Dexter be the Committee for the next month.

Voted That Miss White and Mrs. Tracy be a Committee for examining the Treasurer's books.

Voted That all bills be paid.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record —

Attest — Mary Anne Hales, Secy —

May 1869

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, May 25 —

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Ten Managers were present.

Mrs. Fearing was chosen to fill the place of Second Directress left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Goodwin.

The Committee reported that Lilla Shaw had been brought back to the Asylum by her Mother. Her grandmother had removed her because her own child nearly of the same age had missed her companionship &

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much. Mrs. Shaw now stated that Lilla had been neglected at her grandmother's and that she wished to replace her in the Asylum. Her request had been granted.

It was decided that Mr. Boland should take his little girls if he should again apply for them. It was found that he had misunderstood the conditions on which the children had been admitted and had supposed it certain that he was to take them when they should be twelve. They were both very delicate and might easily lose their health if they were put out to work.

A bad account had been received of Emma Schlett so that Mrs. Bartlett had thought it best to go to Laconia. She had done so and had settled the difficulty.

Excellent accounts were received of Katharine Maroni and of Mena Ebeids.

It was stated that Augusta Bishop had remained during the winter with Mr. Morill Young, he not having received the letter from the Board authorizing him to make some other disposal of her. She was still very troublesome, and as she could not be put into the New Hampshire State Reform School, because her board there must be paid for, the only place for her seemed to be the Bedford poor house. Bedford was her native place, and she had relations there who might be interested in her. It was therefore

Voted That Mr. Young be authorized to place Augusta Bishop in the Bedford poor house.

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It was proposed that the place of assistant teacher should be offered to Isabella Fairborn. The arguments in favor of this proposal were these. It met the approval both of Mrs. Bartlett and Miss Moody. Isabella was so much attached to the Asylum that she would be very unwilling to leave it when her term of service should expire, which would be in a month or two. Her influence over the children, who were all very fond of her, was excellent; and she would probably be more competent to attend to their Sewing and Knitting than any teacher who might be engaged outside of the Asylum. It was decided to take Isabella on trial for the month of June and at the next meeting to fix on the proper Compensation for her Services. The Committee for the next month were authorised to speak to her on the subject.

Application for Winifred McCarty was made by Mrs. Barnes of Brighton, who had formerly taken Mary Jane Armstrong. Winifred had been promised to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, but was not wanted by them as they intended soon to give up housekeeping.

It was therefore

Voted That Winifred McCarty be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Barnes.

It was stated that the Treasurer's books had been examined and had been found Correct.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Dexter and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record—

Attest— Mary Anne Hales, Sec'y—

June
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Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday June 29.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Six Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Isabella Fairborn had done excellently as a Teacher and that she seemed happy in the position. She had had charge of the School for a week during Miss Moody's absence. It was

Voted That Isabella's Salary be at first $3.00 a week, and that it be afterwards raised if she continues to give satisfaction. Also

Voted That the Committee for the next month attend to providing Isabella with a suitable outfit as her term of service expires in July.

Mrs. Randall, a lady who brought good recommendations, applied to take Abby Smith. It was

Voted That Abby Smith be bound to Mrs. Randall.

Such complaints were received from Mrs. Richmond of Sarah Lambert that the Ladies thought the Lancaster Reform School would be the best place for her. It was therefore

Voted That Mr. Richmond be empowered to make this disposal of her.

It was stated that Eliza Ann Kirk had married the brother of her Step-father. An excellent report was received of Mary Justin.

Seventy of the children had been re-

June 1869 — the Ladies Friday to a picnic in Dorchester to which they had been invited by Mrs. Hamilton. Ellen Claffee desired to leave her place in Saugus & go to her mother at Natick; but the Managers thought she had better remain with Mrs. Parker at least for the present.

A statement was made that the shutters on Lovering Pl. had petitioned the City to take land of the Asylum in order that Lovering Pl. might be widened. It was

Voted To remonstrate against this project.

It was

Voted That Miss Stover be invited to supply the vacant place at the Board.

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Mar[illegible] Paine be the Committee for the next month.

Voted That all bills be paid.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record — Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday July 27.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Five Managers were present.

The Ladies were much gratified to hear that Miss Stover had accepted their invitation to become a member of the Board.

The Committee reported that Isabella's outfit had been provided.

That information had been received concerning Mena Eberds which proved that

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the place She was in was a very unfit one for her. Mrs. Bartlett had therefore gone to Laconia and brought her back to the Asylum. The question now was what to do with her as on Some accounts a long Stay at the Asylum was undesirable.

There was Some prospect of a temporary place in Weymouth. The matter was left for the decision of the Committee for the next month.

The Committee also reported that Ellen Claffee had not been willing to Stay at Saugus and that Mrs. Parker had Sent her to Nahant, where She was to receive the Same wages as in Saugus. Mrs. Codman had written from Nahant that She had thus far done her work pretty well.

Mrs. Cook had found Margaret Hazelitt very troublesome and had decided to give her up, but as the girl Seemed very Sorry and promised to do better She Consented to give her another trial.

Mrs. Breman the mother of Eliza Smith had Sent her daughter to Boston with the idea of returning her to the Asylum. Mr. Breman gave a very bad account of his wife's character. As Eliza could not be taken back here, the Committee had been very glad to find that She could be received at the Newton Reform School for Girls. Miss Paine had accordingly taken her there.

Mr. Boland had removed his two

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children from the Asylum and had placed them in the Roman Catholic Institution.

Miss Moody had been absent three weeks on account of the illness of her Mother, who had since died. Isabella had kept the School in excellent order during her absence. Mrs. Bartlett thought that Isabella now needed a vacation and proposed that She should go to Laconia where She had received an invitation to Stay at Miss Lampreys. This arrangement was approved by the Board.

Mrs. Bartlett also wished to take Susan Warner a child who had Some paralytic affection, to the new Children's Hospital to See if they would receive her there. This was also approved by the Board and Miss Robins agreed to mention the Child's Case at the Hospital.

The children had attended two picnics during the month.

An excellent account of Ellen Donovel was received.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Ballard and Miss Paine be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record — Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Secy

August 1869

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

The First and Second Directresses and Two Managers were Present.

The Committee reported that Mena Edwards had gone on trial to

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Sophia to live with Mrs. Brown.
A letter was received from Ellen Clapp from Nahant giving a good account of herself.
Voted That all bills be paid.
Voted That Mrs. Bartlett shall receive ten dollars more than usual for her household expenses.
Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Miss White be the Committee for the next month.
The meeting was then adjourned.
A True Record — Attest — Mary Ann Wales, Secy.

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Proceedings of the Members of the Boston Female Asylum at their Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The opening prayer was made by Mr. Barry. The children whose names follow were then baptized by Dr. Robbins. Susan Furze Haines, Ida Josephine Swift, Elizabeth Stevenson, Eliza Ellen Allard, Jane Allard, Agnes Gagin, Adeline Cummings, Isabella Margaret Walker, Annie Serena Walker, Clementine C. Edwards. After the baptism the Children Sang. The following Report was then read by the Secretary.

Report for the Sixty Ninth Anniversary of the Boston Female Asylum.

We must once more take refuge in the old belief that a life is most happy when there is the least to tell about it. We hope the saying is true of the life of

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our children and of that of our institution. A few words will suffice for the history of the last year.

Our number is rather more full than it was a year ago. Sixteen are here now who were not with us at that time, and we have parted with only thirteen. Three of these were removed by their parents, as, owing to some misunderstanding at the time of their admission we felt that we had no rightful claim to them. Another has also been taken by her mother, who wished to take her and paid her board for the time that she was in the Asylum. Eight were apprenticed according to our usual form; only one of these was taken by her mother, and the result was so unfortunate as to incline the Managers to prefer for the children homes with strangers. She girl herself is now safe in a sister institution which kindly received her. But this experience, together with accounts of several other failures which have come to our knowledge this year, where the persons in charge of the girls were not their parents, give to the Managers an added feeling of the weight of their responsibility in finding situations for the girls. Recommendations are always required, and all means taken to ascertain the fitness of the place; our excellent Matron visits the girls when they do not visit her, and keeps herself informed of their well being as far as she can. But in spite of all precautions things will sometimes go wrong. Of course the girls are more or less to blame, sometimes entirely so, for they will occasionally turn from the right under the very kindest care, but often we

feel that they are not sufficiently shielded from temptations. If we could keep them longer with us, till they are sixteen or seventeen years old, and then send them away, not apprenticed, but to work for themselves entirely independent of the Asylum, it would relieve the Managers from many difficulties. Any plan of this kind would involve a great many changes and could not be entered upon without much consideration. We should need at once a separate building or department where the older girls could be regularly trained in industrial pursuits, and be fitted to earn their own livelihood. Such a plan may not be wise, or may not be practicable at present. But if there is any better method than that which we now pursue, we trust that we may be led to see and adopt it.

There is nothing in the circumstances of the sixteen little girls who have been admitted since the last Annual Meeting which requires special notice. Two of them had been with us before, but had been removed by their mothers and afterwards brought back when they found they had no means of supporting them. This removal and return of children is of course an exceptional thing; it would make a great deal of trouble and be a great disadvantage to the children if it were often permitted. We find that all our good rules have their exceptions, and these two cases were among them.

Eleven girls had completed the term of their apprenticeship last December. Of these

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five are doing well at Service most of them are believe in the places to which they went from the Asylum. This we consider the best report we can give of them since they are eighteen. They may of course be actually as useful members of Society in some other position; but to keep for several years in one spot is of itself so small recommendation, in these times when change is often sought for its own sake, without any definite regard to the good or evil which may result from it. Another of the eleven is in California with her friends. She ran away some years since and has not been heard from. One is in the State Almshouse. One is married and one is dead. The eleventh has not been lately heard from but she is probably still living with the family who adopted her twelve years ago.

We have now about 40 children in the Asylum, with the exception of some slight illnesses their health has been excellent throughout the year. We lost one of our family by death last Spring but it was owing to a diseased state of the system which rendered good air and food and the best of care of no avail. In general the health of our children compares very well with the health of those whose lot might be considered more favored.

They have had their share of both winter and summer festivities. At Christmas entertainment they enjoy through the kindness of their teachers at St. Robbins's Sunday School which they have now attended regularly for several years. The theatre of a Twelfth Night party is given them by some old friends in Rev. Mr. Hale's Society.

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whose kind interest during the many years that the children worshipped with them must not be forgotten. More than one pic-nic gives them the sight of more green grass and trees than even their large yard at home affords them, and a little Strawberry feast in their own play-ground completes the list of their merry-makings. As there is little danger that for them it will be all play and no work, and as we have confidence that their entertainments are not so managed as to produce any undue excitement, we do not deem this increase in the number unwise; indeed we sometimes wish that more provision might be made in their play-room at home for their entertainment.

A vacancy in our household occurred last Spring by the marriage of our assistant teacher. Her place we have reason to hope will be well filled by one of our own girls who served her apprenticeship in the house till she was eighteen, and made herself so useful, that we felt encouraged to think she would in many ways do better for the children than a stranger. It would be pleasant if more of the posts in the household could be filled by the older girls as they grow up. But it is after all no great matter where their work is done. If we can educate them to be workers in the Lord's vineyard, whether we or strangers reap the benefit of the labor, the object of our hopes and prayers will be attained.

Mary Anne Hales Sec'y.

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The reading of the report was followed by singing by the children after which the prizes were awarded by the First Directress to the children whose names follow.

The Prize from the anonymous fund to the most deserving girl was given this year to

Winifred McCarty $3.00

From Appleton Fund

To	Winifred McCarty		$3—
"	Frances E. Sanborn for	Improvement	$3—
"	Elvida L. Strain	"	$3—
"	Lydia E. Hapgood	"	$3—
"	Abby F. Wilson	"	$3—
"	Elizabeth Strain		$3—
"	Alice G. Nason	Industry	$3—
"	Ann E. Sanborn	Good Behavior	$3—
"	Elizabeth M. Harvey	Improvement	$3—
"	Jane Raycroft	"	$3—
"	Ellen Chaddock	"	$3—
"	Sarah Webber	"	$3—
"	Henrietta Thomson	Industry	$3—
"	Caroline E Remington for	Good Behavior	$2—
"	Helen L. Welch	"	$2—

After the distribution of the prizes addresses were made by Mr. Babcock, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Batty. The children then sang again and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Robbins. The Subscribers then adjourned to the Managers' room and elected the ladies whose names follow as Managers for the ensuing year.

First Directress	Miss Elizabeth B. Inches
Second Directress	Mrs. Albert Fearns
Treasurer	Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary	Miss Mary Anne Wales

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Mrs. Edward Codman	Mrs. Philip H. Sears
Mrs. Frederic H. Bradlee	Mrs. Theodore Lyman
Mrs. Charles E. Ware	Mrs. Otis Ballard
Miss M. E. C. White	Miss M. L. Robbins
Mrs. J. C. A. Dexter	Miss Marianne Paine
Mrs. Frederic U. Tracy	Miss Abby M. Stoel

Proceedings of the Managers.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Nine Managers were present.

The Ladies heard with much regret that Miss Robbins must resign her place as a Manager on account of her intended marriage and removal from Boston.

The Committee reported that the mother of Adelaide Fishel had brought her back to the Asylum and asked that she might be received again. When Adelaide was removed her mother had remarried and was apparently very well off; her husband had since deserted her, her health had failed and she was very destitute. She promised not to interfere again with regard to the child. It was therefore

Voted That Adelaide Fishel be readmitted into the Asylum.

Mrs. Webber also, who had some time ago taken Alice into the Country for the benefit of her health now desired to replace her in the Asylum for a time at least. It was however decided that Alice could not be received again

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The Committee also reported that Mrs. Johnson had applied to put her little girl into the Asylum. She had come from Nova Scotia and wished to get a place for herself at Service. She had hesitated however about giving the child entirely up. It was

Voted That Mrs. Johnson's little girl be admitted if she agrees to surrender her to the Asylum.

It was also stated that Mrs. Williams had taken Alberta paying her board for a large part of the time she had been here. Mrs. Williams had wished for both the children but finding that she must pay their board had removed only Alberta.

The following statement was made concerning Emma Lin. Mrs. Weatherbee with whom she had been living for some months had grown ill and being unable to keep Emma had returned her to Mrs. Ann Weatherbee, whose house had been discovered last Spring to be a very improper place for any respectable girl. Mrs. Weatherbee had been visited by two of the Managers but refused to give Emma up. It was thought that it would be necessary to have recourse to legal measures to remove the girl from Mrs. Weatherbee's house, it being the opinion of Mr. Robert S. Paine K. that the Asylum had the right to retake her from her custody.

The following vote was accordingly passed.

Voted That Mrs. Ann Weatherbee is not bringing Emma B. Lin up in habits of virtue and has broken the Covenants made by her with the Boston Female Asylum in her indenture made April 29, 1865, and that this Asylum will forthwith take Emma B. Lin from Mrs. Ann Weatherbee, and that all the rights and

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powers of Mrs. Weatherbee over the said Emma B. Lin are hereby terminated.

Also, that Miss Elizabeth B. Inches and Mrs. Otis Ballard are hereby authorized, in the name and in behalf of the Boston Female Asylum to take and cause to be taken any and all action necessary to carry this vote into execution, and that the Treasurer be authorized to cause any suit to be brought which may be necessary or proper to vindicate the rights of the Asylum in the premises.

Mrs. Ballard applied in behalf of Mrs. Eldredge for the admission of one or more of her children into the Asylum. Mrs. Eldredge was a worthy woman who had been deserted by her husband, a Sea-Captain, more than a Year ago. She had come to Boston to get some employment for herself which would enable her to support her four Children. She had been employed in the Infant Asylum but her health was not strong and she wished to place at least her youngest child, who she had reason to think was ill-treated by the persons with whom she boarded her in the Asylum. Mrs. Eldredge had two other little girls and it was

Voted That all three Children be admitted into the Asylum.

Mrs. Lyon, who was recommended by Mrs. Hicks, a friend of Mrs. Bartlett, applied to take a girl from the Asylum. It was

Voted That her request be granted.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Miss White and Mrs. Lyman be the

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Committee for the next month.

Mrs. Wade was requested to invite Mrs. Sidney Willard to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Miss Robbins.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record —

Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Secy —

Oct 1869

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday Oct. 26.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Nine Managers were present.

The Ladies were much gratified to hear that Mrs. Sidney Willard had consented to become a member of the Board.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Jones had made application to take her daughter Emma. She had just opened a boarding house in Cambridge Port and hoped by that means to support herself and her child. Mrs. Jones brought several recommendations with regard to her honesty and temperance. The Ladies thought it would be much better for Emma to stay in the Asylum through the winter; in the Spring her Mother could know better as to her prospects of earning her living. To this proposal Mrs. Jones very willingly acceded.

Complaints of Mary Ferguson were received from Mrs. Rowe. It was

Voted That Mrs. Rowe has permission from the Board to transfer Mary Ferguson, provided She can find

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for her a suitable place.

It was stated that Gertrude Marsh had recovered and had been received by Mr. Woodward into his family again.

The Secretary reported that Mena Eveleth was still with Mrs. Brown in Dighton, that she was improving, and that Mrs. Brown considered her services worth 1.50 a week. This arrangement was considered very satisfactory by the Managers.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy, Miss Marianne Paine, and Miss Storer be appointed a Special Committee on the School, in order that the progress of the Children may be more thoroughly investigated and improvements made if necessary.

Voted That Mrs. Bartlett's Salary be raised to $50 a year.

Voted That Miss White and Mrs. Deplet be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

Voted That Mrs. Codman and Mrs. Bradlee be the Committee for the next month.

Voted That all bills be paid.

The following report was read.

Treasurer's Report
Oct. 20, 1869

Cash on hand Oct. 16, 1868			4,167.32
Received	Interest Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co	260	
	" " Appleton Fund	65	
	Dividends Bank Stock	480	
	" Lawrence Gas Co.	127.5	
	" Boston & Albany R.R.	190	
	" Cocheco Co.	80	

Received	Interest U. S. Bonds	690	
	Premium on gold	241.4	
	" Atlantic Mutual Ins. Co. Dip	135.—	
	" Railroad Bonds	1189.50	
	To Subscriptions	210.—	
	Charity Box	.72	
	Donation	3.—	
	Board of Children	40.—	
	Income for the year		11,520.62
	Legacy from Mrs. Yales $500. - less 30 - tax		470.—
	Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co. Dip paid off		2,250.—
			18,408.01

Paid for	Provisions	3466.88	
	Salaries of Matron & Teachers, & wages	1984.50	
	Orders to the Matron for the use of the Asylum	870.—	
	Clothing	1048.35	
	Fuel (for 2 years)	1572.05	
	Furniture	466.33	
	Repairs	544.76	
	Incidental expenses	560.—	
			10,513.19
	Premiums to the last girls from Appleton Fund		65.—
	Premium from anonymous fund of 1825		3.—
	$35-00 Atlantic Mutual Ins. Co. Dip		3,027.50
	12 Shares new Stock 2nd National Bank		120.—
	2 Shares " " Boston & Albany R. R.		204.62
			15,913.31
	Cash deposited in the Second National Bank		3,494.70
			19,408.01

Stock Account

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	40,000.—
" " Appleton Fund	1,000.—
" Bank Stock	30,200.—
Lawrence Gas Co.	8,500.—
Cocheco Co.	500.—
Boston & Albany Railroad	2,100.—
U.S. Bonds	11,500.—
Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co. Scrip	3,027.57
Conn. & Passumpsic Rivers R.R. Bond	1,000.—
Cincinnati & Indiana R.R. Bonds	4,375.—
Burlington & Missouri R.R. Bonds	4,000.—
" " Loring Fund	6280.—
Suffolk Savings Bank	14,930.54
Provident Institution for Savings	4,514.63.
	151,927.67

Errors Excepted

Sarah C. Paine Treasurer

This Record having been accepted, the meeting adjourned.

A true Record.

Attest — Mary Anne Hales, Sec'y

1855.
Nov.

A Special meeting of the Managers of the Boston Female Asylum was held on Friday, Nov. 9.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Seven Managers were present.

The meeting was called in order to make some decision concerning Emma Lin. The following statement was made. In accordance with the vote passed at the last meeting Emma had been sought and discovered by a Detective Officer, and brought to the Asylum where she was at present. Her Step-Father Mr. Buteil who seemed well acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Weatherbee and was not otherwise much known to the Managers, had obtained within a few days from the Judge of Probate the guardianship of Emma, and had caused a writ of habeas corpus to be served upon Mrs. Bartlett. The Managers were of course unwilling that Emma should be taken by Mr. Buteil, and it was decided to contest his right to her if no amicable arrangement could be made with him. It was hoped that he might consent to give up his guardianship, that some other guardian acceptable both to the Managers and Mr. Buteil might be chosen with whom Emma might be boarded by her Step-Father. Mr. Buteil did not appear at the meeting as was expected, so that no definite settlement could be made. It was therefore

Voted That Mrs. Hale and Miss Paine be appointed a Committee with full powers to act in the business and to make the best arrangement that they can for Emma's welfare.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record. Attest— Mary Anne Hales, Sec'y.

Nov. 1870

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday Nov 30.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Nine Managers were present.

Miss Paine reported that Emma Lins Case had been heard before Judge Wells, that he had decided that the Asylum had full right to Emma and had dismissed the writ. A Compromise had been tried with Mr. Butell, but Emma had since left town. Detectives were now in search of her and there was no doubt that when She was found She could be sent to Lancaster, which seemed now the most proper place for her.

The Committee stated that Mrs. Williams was very desirous of taking her daughter Lola; She represented that She was doing a good business in Cincinnati as a Book agent. Sibella was at School there and a letter was received from the teacher who stated that Mrs. Williams was a fine woman and a devoted mother to her child. Mr. Crowell, Mrs. Williams' brother-in-law, had come to Cincinnati immediately on Sibella's arrival and was very anxious to take Lola with him. After some discussion it was finally

Voted That Lola Frances Williams be bound to her uncle Mr. Perley K. Crowell.

Application for a girl was made by Mrs. Wm. Bliss of Springfield. It was

Voted That her request be granted.

The Committee also stated that Miss Moody had taken a furlough of vacation.

In accordance with a request from Mrs.

Nov. 1869 Bartlett it was

Voted To purchase six waterproof cloaks for the elder girls.

Miss White stated that the Treasurer's books had been examined and found correct.

The Committee on the School reported that the children had recited their lessons well, but that their hand-writing was very poor indeed.

Voted That Mrs. Fearing and Mrs. Willard be the Committee for the next month.

Voted That all bills be paid.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record. Attest. Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

Dec. 1869 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Dec. 28.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Six Managers were present.

Miss Inches reported that Mrs. Bradlee desired to resign her place as a Manager, and wished that a substitute be chosen in her stead.

Voted That Mrs. Bradlee's resignation be accepted and that the thanks of the Board for her past services be offered to her.

The Committee reported that Mrs Bartlett had taken a certain medicine and was much better for it.

That the children had attended a Sunday School Christmas Festival at Thorndike Hall and had enjoyed it very much.

Dec. 1869

A very poor account of Ellen Claffee was given by Mrs. Fearing.

The Treasurer reported that she had received $5 000., the legacy of Miss Abby Joy.

Voted That the children be required hereafter to devote one half hour every day to writing.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Bullard and Miss White be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record — Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

List of girls who completed their apprenticeship during the years 1868 and 1869.

Emma — Wicks —

Ellen Sisk — at her place — good account.

Mary Ann Cox — Ran away three years ago and has not been heard of.

Maria T. Burgoyne — Sent to the almshouse by Dr. Shapleigh.

Mary Jane Armstrong — gone to her friends in California.

Ann L. Hazelett — living out in Cambridge — [illegible]

Eliza D. Brown — married.

Susan J. Moody — doing very well in Hyde Village

Elizabeth B. O'Hara — with Mrs. Dennin — dorms
Box Hill.

Elizabeth McKenna — dorms with a few of this
Co.

Ann Holton. Dead

Lucy Parker In Pittsfield with Mrs. Mary Merrill

Eva Hale

Gertrude Marsh With Mr. and Mrs. Woodward.

Sara Bardet Living in Boston with her
aunt in winter, in a farm in Mass.

Mary Frances Walter

Agnes Parker Living in Boston with her sister.

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Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Jany. 25.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Six Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Boyd wished to transfer Anna Ellsmann. She had no fault to find with Anna, but was now so situated that she could not keep her. Mr. and Mrs. Badger, [illegible] and [illegible] decided to take Anna into their family. Mr. Badger was a teacher in the Sunday School which Anna attended and therefore interested in her. The circumstances being seen and it was

Voted That this transfer is approved by the Board.

Mrs. Bartlett had gone to Lynn to see Ellen Whittier and found that she had been imbezzling.

Mrs. Lyon of Needham, to whom in Sept. permission was given to take a child from the Asylum, now advised for some reason to not take Bentley.

Mrs. Ballard spoke of the admission of a little girl, whose mother, Mrs. Margaret Bodet, was a widow living at Service at Weymouth. She visited her, paid $2 a week for the child's board, and was convinced that she was not well taken care of; she therefore decided to put her into the Asylum. No objection was made to the admission of this child.

Several of the children's writing books were examined by the Ladies. In regard to these there was great variety of opinion, some holding

Jany. 1870 that the hand-writing was very fair, altho' there was too much carelessness in the formation of the letters and that there were more defects than might reasonably be expected. All agreed that more attention should be given to the Spelling. It was also decided that Miss Moodie shall not for a time hear the Children's Sunday-school lessons. It was thought that if the lessons were prepared by the children on Friday afternoons and heard by the Managers on Saturdays it would do the learners more good than the frequent repetitions hitherto customary. Time on Friday mornings would also be saved for the writing.

Voted That Mrs. Ware and Miss Slater be the Committee for the next month.

Voted That all bills be paid.

The meeting was then adjourned

A true record — Attest — Mary Anne Yates, Sec'y.

Feby. 1870 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, February 22.

The First- and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Louisa Schlatt went early in the month to Needham.

That Winifred McCarty [illegible] to Mrs. Barnes had been delayed, had not been well lately. She had been examined by Dr. Homans and pronounced by him unfit to go out to service on account of some trouble with the heart. Mrs. Bartlett [illegible]

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Mansfield, kept in the Asylum. She liked her and could employ her. It was decided to make the arrangement.

Mrs. Rowe applied to take Jane Ragsdale instead of Mary Ferguson, who was now living with her and from she found very troublesome. Mary had a married sister in Wrentham who was willing to take her. It was accordingly

Voted. That Mary Ferguson be transferred to her sister's care and that Jane Ragsdale be bound to Mrs. Rowe.

It was stated that Mrs. Bean a lady living in Gilmanton Corner would like to take Ida Farrar. She lived alone and did her own work; She would send the child to school. Mrs. Bartlett knew Mrs. Bean to be an excellent woman. It was

Voted. That her request be granted.

A very sad story about Ella Wile was told by Mrs Bartlett. She was now living with a family near Bridgewater. her infant, through the kindness of Miss Tolman, the lady who had taken her from the Asylum, had been placed in the Mass. Infant Asylum. Miss Tolman had in fact shown throughout her generous kindness and interest in Ella, that the Ladies wished some expression of gratitude to be sent to her for all She had done.

Voted. That all bills be paid.

Voted. That Mrs. Sears and Miss Marianne Jones be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true Record.

Attest— Mary Anne Hoag

March 1870

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday March 29.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Ida Farrow had gone to Gilmanton.

Complaints of Ellen Whittier had been received from Mrs. Newhall, who did not consider the girl a Safe Companion for her own Children and said She could Keep her no longer. It was

Voted That permission be granted to Mrs. Newhall to transfer Ellen to Some other place.

It was Stated that a new piano was needed and Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Bullard were appointed a Committee to Confer with Mr. Johnson and Select a new instrument Suitable for the Children.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Bullard be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest— Mary Anne Hales, Sec'y

April 1870

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, April 26.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

It was reported that Miss Green had kindly Consented to become a Member of

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the Board.

The Committee stated that Ellen Whittier was now at the Children's Mission where she was doing very well; one or two places had offered for her but a permanent home had not yet been decided on.

It was voted that Jane Rayfield go to Mrs. Reive, Mary Ferguson having been taken by her sister according to the vote at the February meeting.

Mr. Odlin made an unfavorable report of Emma Schlett and a letter from Emma showed that she was dissatisfied with her place. The Managers therefore thought it advisable that a change should be made. It was decided that Mrs. Odlin should pay Emma $25. and give her a suitable outfit in compensation for her services, and that Mrs. Bartlett, who was coming to Lacona should bring Emma back with her. Several persons in Lacona wished to take Emma, but it was thought better to provide her with a place elsewhere.

Mrs. Ives again made application for her daughter Emma but as the Managers were not satisfied that she could offer the child a suitable home, they concluded to keep her at least six months longer in the Asylum.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Gloucester applied to take Parthenia Hathaway. They had been examined and recommended by Mr. and Mrs. Friend who had had a child from the Asylum living with them for nine years.

Voted

Mrs. Smith also sent their References. It was therefore
Voted That Bathsheba Parkhurst be bound to Mr. and
Mrs. B. H. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bennett applied
and recommended and visited to take Alice
Mason. It was
Voted That Alice Mason be bound to Mr. and Mrs.
John Bennett.

Elizabeth Leach who had been bound to her
grandmother Mrs. Adams was dissatisfied living with
her as she had married again and desired
to have her daughter with her. It was thought
best that Elizabeth's mother should settle this
matter herself with Mrs. Adams.

Mrs. Harvey absconded for her daughter
Elizabeth. She had herself steady work for which
She earned ten dollars a week. She would either
Send Elizabeth to School, or put her at the
employment of Brown the druggist, where an older
Sister had work. There seemed no objection to
this arrangement and it was accordingly
Voted That Elizabeth Harvey be bound to her Mother.

A piano had been selected subject to the approval
of the Managers which would cost $300. The engage-
ment was looked at and approved by several
Voted That all bills be paid
Voted That Mrs. Willard and Miss Malcom form the
Committee for the next month.
Voted That Mrs White and Mrs Gay be appointed a
Committee for examining the Treasurer's books.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest— Mary Anne Hall, Sec'y

May 1870

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, May 31.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

The Committee reported two applications for the admission of Children both under three years old. The first had no mother and the father was subject to fits by which his mind was becoming more and more enfeebled. The child was now in charge of a relation, who having a large family of his own could not take upon himself any additional burden. The second little girl was found when a baby on the door steps of Mr. and Mrs. Stratton friends of Mrs. Bartlett. She was kept a short time by them and afterwards boarded at their expense. She was not however well taken care of at the boarding place and Mrs. Stratton was very desirous that she should be received into the Asylum. Mrs. Bartlett wished that both applications should be granted. These circumstances having been heard it was

Voted That both the little girls be admitted, and that their board until they are three years old be paid out of a Sum of money lately given to Miss Inches for the Asylum.

The Committee also stated that Mrs Odlin had paid $25 to Emma Schlett who on her return had gone directly to Providence to live with Mr. and Mrs. Rice, who were to pay her $2 a week. The place was considered a very good one by Mrs. Bartlett.

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Mr. and Mrs. Abner D. Bill made application for their niece, Mary Ellen Russell stating that they were now able to take charge of her. It was

Voted That their request be granted.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice also applied to adopt Ellen Chaddock. It seemed necessary that Ellen's mother should be consulted before making any such arrangement and also that more should be known of the proposed place. The matter was therefore left to the Committee for the next month.

A good account was received of Sarah Noble. It was ascertained that Mrs. Harvey was to be away from home most of the Summer. it was therefore deemed best to retain Elizabeth in the Asylum till the fall.

The Managers learned with much regret that Mrs. Codman felt it necessary on account of the state of her health to resign her place as a member of the Board. It was

Voted That the thanks of the Ladies be expressed to Mrs. Codman for her long and faithful Service at the Asylum and their regret at losing from their number a fellow laborer so much valued by them.

It was also

Voted That Miss Emily Russell be invited to fill the vacancy at the Board.

A letter was read from Miss Moody resigning her place as teacher. It was

Voted That this resignation be accepted. Also, that the thanks of the Managers be offered to Miss Moody for her long services at the

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Asylum, and that a present of $300 be sent to her as a mark of their regard.

Mrs. Bartlett came in to speak to the Managers about Elizabeth Dyer who had run away from her place in Jamaica Plain and returned to the Asylum. It was decided that Mrs. Bartlett should go out in the afternoon to see what the difficulty had been and whether Mrs. Bowers would be ready to receive Elizabeth again; if not, it was proposed that Mr. Bass be asked to get a place for her in the Country.

New closets in several places in the house were proposed, and it was

Voted That any additions of this kind be made which Mrs. Bartlett desires.

It was stated that the children had been invited to Newton on Decoration day and had enjoyed themselves very much.

It was reported that the Treasurer's books had been examined and found correct.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Stone be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Secy

June 1870

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, June 28.

The First Directress, Secretary and

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Nine Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Bines had taken Elizabeth Cyer back, but that She had not improved. An unsuccessful attempt had been made to get her to Lancaster. She was now at the Chardon St. Home, and would Soon probably go to a place.

Four little girls had been admitted Since the last meeting. Two of these, Mary Ann Neal and Emma Shatton had been voted in at the last meeting. The other two were Sisters; their mother was dead and their father a worthless man who wished to have nothing to do with his children. They were at present under the Care of their aunts who had however large families of their own. These circumstances being heard, it was

Voted That Rosa and Margreta Lambrecht be admitted.

Inquiries had been made Concerning Mr. and Mrs. Rice who had wished to adopt Sister Ellen Chaddock, and afterwards, as Mrs. Chaddock Could not be found to give her Consent to the arrangement, Mary Jenkinson, it was thought from what was said that too much work would be required of a delicate girl like Mary and it was decided that the request be refused.

Mr. and Mrs. Gains Dean who lived on a large farm in Taunton applied for Ann Sanborn. Their reference was Mr. Theodore Dean who had brought

June 1870. up Successfully two girls from the Asylum. It was thought that the place must be a good one and it was accordingly

Voted That Ann E. Sanborn be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Gains Dean.

The Committee also reported that Gertrude Walker had been taken Sick since the last meeting with water on the brain, and had died. Ida Swift had also been very ill but was now somewhat better.

A note from Miss Moody was read expressing her gratitude for the gift presented to her. No teacher to take her place had yet been decided on, though inquiries Concerning Several had been made.

Good reports were received from Mary Justin and Ellen Donovel.

The Ladies were pleased to hear that Miss Russell had accepted the invitation to become a member of the Board.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Dexter and Mrs. Lyman be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record — Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

July 1870. Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly monthly meeting held on Tuesday, July 26.

The Vice-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Eight Managers were present.

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The Committee reported that Miss Hatch had been engaged as Teacher and had just entered upon her duties. She had come from Mr. Philbrick, had many recommendations, and had had charge of a Primary School in Dorchester. She knew about Sewing, was quite content with the proposed Salary and thought She should like the place very much. The Selection of the Committee was approved by the Board.

One child was admitted during the month. The Mother, Mrs. Avery, had been deserted by her husband and been left with several children, all of whom She found it impossible to maintain. It was

Voted That the act of the Committee on admittance Eugene Adelia Avery is approved by the Board.

It was

Voted That Isabella Fairbrin's Salary should be raised and that She hence forth receive $200 a year.

The Managers thought that on many accounts it would be desirable to have an assistant Matron. The Committee for the next month were requested to consult Mrs. Bartlett on the subject, and to ascertain whether such an arrangement would be agreeable to her, and whether she would like Some one permanently or temporarily. Among the duties suggested for the assistant Matron were teaching the children to mend their clothes and going out with them at recess.

A Circular was ordered to be sent to the Selectmen

The Children and [illegible]

July - 1870.

Voted That all bills be paid.
Voted That Mrs. Dexter and Mrs. Sears be the Committee for the next month.
The meeting was then adjourned.
E. Sue Secretary. Attest - Mary Anne Yates, Secy.

August - 1870 Proceedings of the Managers at their Monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Feberham desired to take her daughter Sophronia who was subject to epileptic fits. She stated that she was able to take care of her. This arrangement was approved by the Board.

Sophronia Holton was now eleven and had received a letter from her brother, desiring her to come to her in Philadelphia, which Sophronia was inclined to do. It was decided that although the Managers had a right to interfere with the proposed plan, Sophronia should be informed that she could always find a home in Boston in case her brother's home did not prove a suitable place for her.

The Children have been invited by Mrs. Willard to a picnic in Weston which they had much enjoyed.

One or two Candidates for the place of Assistant Matron had been heard of, but it was thought advised to wait for the chance of finding exactly the right person.

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Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Stone be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

Sept. 1870 Proceedings of the Members of the Boston Female Asylum at their Annual Meeting, held on Tuesday, Sept 27.

The Services were Conducted by Rev. Dr. Robbins. The meeting was opened with Singing by the children, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Noyes. The children then Sang again. The rite of baptism was administered to the children whose names follow: Evergene Avery, Mary Jane Butler, Mary Ann Neal, Rosa Lambrecht, Marcela Lambrecht and Emma Stratton. Singing from the children followed and the following report was read by the Secretary.

Report for the Seventieth Anniversary of the Boston Female Asylum.

One of the most noticeable facts that we find on looking through the last years records to clean the Seventy Materials for the Annual Report is the Small number of Children admitted, only Seven Since last September. If the number of those who have gone out from us [illegible] usually small our Ranks would be much thinner than usual. Eight have left [illegible] new places in the world, and one [illegible]

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sweet and winning little girl, one of the household dele; has been called by the Heavenly Father to Heaven.

We [illegible] seventy in our family still a respectable number though not so many as we should be glad to accommodate. The years immediately preceding the war [illegible] has been in the few applications which we received. The terrible years that followed [illegible] to look to their children. But that the effects of the war are passing away, it is reasonable to conclude that the same cause which produced the diminution in our numbers before may produce the same again. On some accounts the change is not to be regretted. Though we have room for more, and it is always pleasant to have our house well filled, yet it is very likely that the limited feeling which it always me if we think ought to prevail, may be more easily maintained when the family is somewhat smaller. It is also a relief to know that with regard to the children who have been taken in there was no question as to the necessity of admitting them. We are glad to state this because the question has been raised whether Institutions by receiving children to [illegible] do not [illegible] their mothers unnecessarily of their duties and responsibilities and break up family ties which need strengthening rather than weakening. We have seen that [illegible] of the children had mothers. One of these mothers

[illegible] was a widow, with three children, [illegible]
her little girl's board, not find a "broken" home
place for her; the other had been deserted by her
husband, who left her with no [illegible]
her strength was insufficient to support them
all. Two of the other children have no parents,
the others only a father who is worse to them
than none.

While, though we may see some immediate
in having our house less full, we ought to bear
in mind that our funds are calculated to benefit
more than we have now the opportunity of doing
filling, and if during this year our receipts do
not increase we ought surely to seek some
enlarged method of using wisely what has been
entrusted to us. This feeling is strengthened by
the fact that we have received $5000, the
legacy of Miss Abby Joy, which came to us last
December, and which we would gratefully ack-
nowledge.

The terms of apprenticeship of [illegible]
girls ended last October. Of them is dead,
and of one or two we have lost trace for the
present; but of most it is reported that they are
doing well in various relations of life, in families,
or shops, with their relatives, or at the head
of households of their own. Of two the latter may
[illegible] said, but [illegible]
better lives, owing to the unceasing interest of those
who took them from the Asylum. [illegible]
near of so much being done by these
encouraging girls has no claim
to [illegible]

[illegible] thankful kindness, because we are often tempted to think [illegible] to make this place a [illegible] Such friends will bring a reward better than any gratitude of ours.

We have this year experienced more changes than usual in the affairs of our Institution, some of more, some of less importance. First, we have been called to give up several from our Board of Managers whom we valued highly; one especially who has faithfully served the Asylum for a longer time than most of those now connected with it, and whose excellent judgment, wise experience, and kindly [illegible] we [illegible] that the State of her health did not allow her longer to share in a work in which her heart was always interested. Those of our friends, who show their interest in our work by attending our Annual Sabbaths, will also miss today one whose post has been in this School Room for more than twenty years. Her interest in her work did not cease, but her health felt the strain of her long continued labors, and she was obliged to relinquish them. We have every reason to hope that the school will prosper under her successor. Another change in the household arrangements we propose, and are only waiting to hear from Boston the right person to fill the place of Assistant Matron. We know

April 1870 that our excellent and hardworking Matron needs more help than she can receive from her present household staff; and we especially wish the children to receive instruction in some domestic employments which have unfortunately been overlooked more than is advisable. In several particulars we hope this year to go back to old-fashioned ways, and for which we have good intentions. It has been a trying winter, and they are all it is hoped improvements. Those who take an interest in the house will observe various conveniences which have been added, and all must have noticed the sweeter tones which have accompanied the children's singing. Our old piano, the gift of a friend who lived with us, was quite worn out and we were glad to gratify the children's kind instructor by the purchase of a new instrument; we wish to make as light as possible the labor of love in which he has so long faithfully persevered.

This is the Seventieth Anniversary of the Asylum. We look back gratefully on its past history, and cherish reverently the memory of those good and faithful women who founded and built it up. The Lord's blessing was on their work. That the same blessing may rest upon those who have entered into their labors, and enable them to adapt this charity to the wants of the present time while they seek to retain its original character and spirit, shall be the earnest prayer of its friends.

After the report the prizes were awarded as follows by the First Directress.

The Prize 1- the Most Deserving Girl was this year given to Abby Jane Wilson.

The other Prizes were awarded

Abby Jane Wilson			$3.-
Sophia Jane Strain	for	Usefulness	$3.-
Hayden E. Hubbard	"	Scholarship	$3.-
Caroline Edwards	"	Industry	$3.-
Elizabeth M. Hayes	"	Industry	$3.-
Winifred M Carty	"	Industry	$3.-
Ellen Craddock	"	Improvement	$3.-
Ellen Dyer	"	Improvement	$3.-
Mary Ann Cross	"	Obedience	$3.-
Elizabeth Strain	"	Obedience	$3.-
Mary E. Jenkinson	"	Improvement	$3.-
Emma Sumner	"	Improvement	$3.-
Sarah Webber	"	Industry	$4.-
Celina Edwards	"	Obedience	$3.-

The distribution of the prizes was followed by addresses from Dr. Rollins, Mr. Forte, Mr. Hayes, and Mr. Bradley on Children's Mission.

The Children Sang once more and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Rollins.

The Subscribers were invited to adjourn to the Managers' Room and elect officers for the ensuing year. The following were unanimously elected

First Directress	Miss Elizabeth B. Inches
Second Directress	Mrs. Albert Fearing
Treasurer	Miss Sarah E. Paine
Secretary	Miss Mary Anne Wales

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Managers

Miss M. E. C. White	Mrs. Otis Bullard
Mrs. Chas. E. Ware	Miss Marianne Paine
Mrs. J. C. A. Dexter	Miss Abby M. Stone
Mrs. Fred. A. Tracy	Mrs. Sidney Willard
Mrs. Philip H. Sears	Miss Harriet L. Brown
Mrs. Theodore Lyman	Miss Emily Russell

Proceedings of the Managers.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary, and Ten Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Miss Ladd had been engaged to take the place of Assistant Matron on trial for a month. She was from New Hampshire, bore an excellent character, and had brought up a large family very well. Mrs. Bartlett was pleased with her and She seemed to like the place, but as She had only been in the Asylum a few days it was too early to decide whether She would be a suitable person to fill the place permanently.

One little girl, Alice Veronitha Butler, had been admitted. She was not yet three years old. Her mother was an honest, poor woman who had separated from her husband on account of his bad habits. She had six children, two of whom were in the Children's Mission. She took to Alice and had tried to board this little girl. She had not however found this lady and was now in debt for the child's board. It was decided that Alice Butler should remain in the Asylum at least for the present.

Oct. 18th Mrs. Jones again made application for her daughter Emma. The Committee for the next month were requested to make inquiries respecting Mrs. Jones and report at the next meeting.

Ord. That a bill for Chamber Ware be allowed to Mr. Thomas for his services at the Asylum during the year.

Ord. That all bills be paid.

Ord. That Mrs. Pollard and Miss White be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true Record.

Attest— Mary Anne Hales, Sec'y.

October 1870

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Phoenia Forten had gone to the Hotel in Philadelphia. Two letters had been received from her and she seemed more contented when the last was written than at first.

They also stated that Mrs. Jones had been hired to break up her boarding house and had thought much of the idea of taking her daughter Emma herself. It was now decided that Emma should go to her grandfather and grandmother, two respectable people living in Cornwall on a farm and will be able to provide for their grandchild. It was

Ord. That this arrangement is approved by the Board.

October 1870 — Mrs. Bartlett liked her assistant very much; She was industrious and gained the obedience of the children. It was therefore decided to engage Miss Ladd permanently as assistant Matron.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Ballard and Miss Marianne Paine be the Committee for the next month.

The following Report was read.

Treasurer's Report
Oct. 15, 1870

Cash on hand Oct. 10, 1869 — 3334.70

Received Interest Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co — 260.—
" " " " Appleton Fund — 65.—
Dividends Bank Stock — 150.50
" Lawrence Gas Co. — 1275.—
" Boston & Albany R. R. — 216.00
" Ocean Co. — 35.—
Interest U. S. Bonds — 2[illegible]
Premium on Gold — 117.42
" Atlantic Mutual Ins. Co. Scrip — 210.—
" Railroad Bonds — 1201.75
" Mortgage — 1[illegible]
" Subscriptions — 1[illegible]
Board of Tuition — [illegible]

Income for the Year — 11,724.47

Legacy from Miss Abby Foy — 5,000.—

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Paid for

Pensions	3397.31	
Salaries of Matron & Teachers, & wages	1962.65	
Orders to the Matron for the use of the Asylum	910.–	
Clothing	1395.03	
Furniture	384.80	
Repairs	1333.26	
Incidental Expenses	503.16	
		10,389.21
Premiums to the Legislative Fund		25.–
Premium from anonymous fund of 1825		3.–
Note and Mortgage of James Sexton		5,000.–
5 Shares new Stock Boston & Albany R.R.		532.20
Cash deposited in Old Boston Industrial Fund		4129.76
		20,119.17

Stock Account

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	40,000.–
" " " Appleton Fund	1,000.–
Bank Stock	50,200.–
Lawrence Gas Co.	8,500.–
Cocheco Co.	500.–
Boston & Albany Railroad	2,100.–
U.S. Bonds	11,500.–
Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co. Scrip	3,027.50
Conn. & Passumpsic Rivers R.R. Bond	1,000.–
Cincinnati & Indiana R.R. Bonds	4,375.–
Burlington and Missouri River R.R. Bonds	7,000.–
" " " Loring Fund	6,280.–
Note and Mortgage of James Sexton	5,000.–
Suffolk Savings Bank	14,450.54
Provident Institution for Savings	7,570.03
	157,427 67

Errors Excepted

Sarah C. Paine Treasurer.

Feb. 1870

This Report having been accepted, Miss White and Mrs. Tracy were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

The Ladies were very sorry to learn that Mrs. Dexter felt it necessary to resign her place as Manager on account of the uncertainty as to her permanent residence in Boston. It was

Voted That a note be written to Mrs. Dexter expressing the regret of the Board at losing her valuable services.

It was hoped that as Mrs. Azias Goodwin had lately returned from Europe She would be willing to serve again as a Manager. Miss Riches was desired to see Mrs. Goodwin and make this request.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true Record — Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

Nov. 1870

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday Nov. 29.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Nine Managers were present.

The Committee elected last Month to visit the Asylum to be married and that Mrs. Bartlett preferred to have Miss Ladd take her place, at least for the present.

An application for Julia McDonald had been made by Mrs. Lincoln [illegible] Mrs. Lincoln was an invalid and Julia not an easy Child to manage it was not thought advisable to grant her request.

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desired to take Lucy Thompson who had been returned by Mrs. Ross on the death of her husband. It was decided that before making any arrangement Mr. & Mrs. Camilla should meet the Committee for the visit at the Asylum.

Mrs. Bartlett had taken a fortnights' vacation at Yakima. She had visited Jane Rayfield, Sarah Noble and Ida Harvey and found them all doing well.

The Committee also stated that Everyone Discharged had died or been sent back since the last meeting.

Two applications for the admission of children had been received. Mr. Fulton a widower living at Seattle and earning ten dollars a month wished to put her daughter Augusta into the Asylum. The little girl had been taken care of by her uncle who was now going to California. The other case was a very pressing one and the child, Annie Dennis, was already in the Asylum. Mrs. Dennis was a widow, her husband had lost his health in the war and afterwards died. She herself had been in a Insane Asylum and was now subject at times to fits of insanity so that the Child's life was not safe with her.

These circumstances having been heard it was

Voted That Augusta Hartman and Annie Dennis be admitted.

The Managers were very glad to welcome Mrs. Corbin again as a member of the Board

The writing books were examined and we desire to have improved.

Voted That Mrs. Peabody and Miss Bloss be

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the Committee for the next month.

Voted That all bills be paid.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true Record.

Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

Dec. 1870 Proceedings of the Managers at their Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday Dec. 27.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and five Managers were present.

Mrs. Fearing on the part of the Committee reported that the necessary repairs had been completed and that the house was in excellent order.

The children had attended a Christmas festival with Dr. Robbins's Sunday School at Thorndike Hall, and had enjoyed it very much.

Miss Brown had given much attention to the School, she thought that the writing had improved, but that the sewing was very poor.

Several applications to take children had been received. Mr. Hamilton of whom mention was made at the last meeting came again to see Mrs. Thomson and said that he perfectly understood the terms of the Indenture and was willing to agree to them.

Mr. Badger of Charlestown, the father of the gentleman who had taken Anna Hellmann, visited the Mary E. Nickerson. Mr. Badger's recommendations were good and it seemed a very satisfactory place for a girl.

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Mrs. Haviland, the mother of Alice Holbrook was now well married and desired to have her daughter with her. It was accordingly

Voted That Lucy Ann Thomson be bound to Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton.

Voted That Mary E. Nickelson be bound to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Badger.

Voted That Sarah Alice Holbrook be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Haviland.

It was also reported that Rosa Lambrecht was found to be so diseased that she was not a suitable subject for the Asylum, and that her aunt was willing to take her again, according to her promise made when the child was admitted. It was therefore decided that this arrangement should be made.

Mrs. Seig, the mother of the child who died in November, brought a fourth daughter not yet three years old. She said that she could get work for herself if this child could be provided for in the Asylum. It was

Voted That her request be granted.

Complaints were made by Mrs. Willis of Susan Parker.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Sears and Miss Storer be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true Record. Attest— Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

Janu. 1871

Proceedings of the Managess at their Monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Janu. 31.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

The Committee reported two applications for the admission of children. One of the little girls, Bertha Stockbridge had no mother, and her father was in such poor health that he could not work to support his family. The second application was made by Mr. Long, a respectable man from Auburndale, on behalf of his Cook, Mrs. Chute. The woman tried to support her child, from her wages but could not succeed. It was

Voted That both these Children be admitted.

An application to take Ida Burpee was made by Mr. John New, but it was thought best to refuse it, as Ida was a peculiar Child and not yet twelve years old; moreover very little was known of Mr. New.

Mrs. Bartlett felt that she now needed a new Seamstress. It was therefore thought desirable that the Committee for the next month should endeavor to obtain a suitable one.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee for the next month.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest. Mary Anne Wales, Secretary

Feby, 1871

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Feby 2d.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Bartlett had heard of a Miss Learned who she thought would be fitted for the place of seamstress in the Asylum. She had worked in families and seemed to the Committee likely to prove a competent person. She was to come on the following Monday.

The Committee also stated that Mrs. Bartlett had been suddenly called to Peoria by the illness of her friend Miss Hinsdale, who had since died. While there she had herself been attacked with erysipelas and had been very ill; but she was now better and had returned to the Asylum.

It was reported that Margaret Meade was an very troublesome and obstinate; it was hoped that the Committee for the next month could devise some means of her improvement.

The Treasurer reported the receipt of $1.00 being the amount of a legacy left to the Asylum a few years ago by Mrs. Fiske. She was in paying the money was due to some difficulty about the will

Voted That Miss Brown and Mrs. Bullard be the Committee for the next month.

Voted That all bills be paid.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record. Attest. Mary Jane Hales, Sec'y.

March 1871

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, March 21st.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

The Committee stated that one child had been admitted during the month, the case being so urgent that it did not seem best to wait till the meeting of the Board. She was an orphan, eight years old, who had been till now cared for by an uncle and aunt; they were now however obliged to break up their home in Boston and scatter their family; they thought they had provided a boarding place for their niece but found themselves disappointed and were in need of an immediate Shelter for her.

It was

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting this child, Mary Ellen Dane, is approved by the Board.

Some other cases were presented. One first was that of a little girl with no mother and an intemperate father. It had been the mothers desire that her child should be brought up a Roman Catholic, and she had accordingly been placed in the Roman Catholic Asylum; but as her father did not pay her board she had been dismissed and had since led an idle life wandering about the streets. An uncle and aunt of the child were now in Boston and took measures to take her themselves were unwilling to return to their home in Albany until some suitable place could be provided for her.

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Three more children were presented for admission by their father, who stated that he had an intemperate wife and therefore no fitting home for his five children; he begged a home in the Asylum for his three youngest girls. It was

Voted That the four children above mentioned be admitted.

Several applications to take girls were received. Mr. and Mrs. Farnham of Dorchester wished for Fanny McGuire. Miss Haviland knew Mrs. Farnham and had boarded with her; She considered it a very good place and other excellent recommendations had been obtained. It was therefore

Voted That Fanny McGuire be bound to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Farnham.

Miss Jewett a lady living in Brookline applied for Henrietta Thomson. She wished the Indentures made out to her mother. The Committee had been much pleased with Miss Jewett and thought her views as to the bringing up of a child very sensible ones. It was accordingly

Voted That Henrietta Thomson be bound to Mrs. Ann C. Jewett.

Mr. and Mrs. Smart of Statham N. H. wished to take some child whom they could send to School and bring up in a manner their own. The persons to whom they referred gave them an excellent character, saying that a better influence could be obtained for a girl than that she would receive in this family. It was

Voted That permission be given to Mr. & Mrs. Smart to take any girl of suitable age whom they may select.

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Mrs. Holdsworth, a relative of Sarah Webber desired that her niece should be bound to her. Sarah's Mother was willing and Mrs. Holdsworth's references had been Satisfactory to Mrs. Bartlett.

It was therefore

Voted

That Sarah Webber be bound to Mrs. Holdsworth.

Mr. Orne then made application for his two daughters. As the Children had been put in without their Father's knowledge and as he had never signed the papers giving them up to the care of the Asylum the Managers decided that they had no right to keep them and must therefore let them go.

Margetta Lambrecht's aunt applied for permission to remove her niece from the Asylum; but as She brought no references it was left for the Committee for the next month to make further inquiries.

It was decided to decline a request from Gen. Mr. Bradlee's solicitor that four of the Children should sing in their Choir for a compensation to be paid to the Asylum.

It was mentioned by the Committee that the assistant matron had not been seemed mindful of all her duties, and that a list of rules as to what was expected of her had been drawn up subject to the approval of the Board. This list was read and approved.

The new Seamstress had come and had proved thus far very Satisfactory.

It was stated that Margaret Sheedy had improved very much.

Voted

It was
To descend the vote which was passed

March 1871 Voted — That giving up Elizabeth Harvey to her mother.

Voted — That all bills be paid.

Voted — That Miss White and Miss Foster be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A True Record.

Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Secretary

April, 1871 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, April 25.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Witham from Worcester had come to the Asylum and wished to take Ida Burpee. She brought good recommendations, but the ladies did not think it advisable that Ida should go to the place unless Mrs. Witham could come to the Asylum herself to see her and talk with Mrs. Bartlett about her.

Mrs. Harvey had again made application for her daughter Elizabeth who was growing more and discontented at the Asylum. The only objection to granting the request was that as business is a matter both of her time the greater part of the time so that she could have very little to do with her daughter. It was decided that the Committee for the next month should visit the house in which Mrs. Harvey lived,

April 1871. and by talking with the woman in charge of it judge what the influence on a young girl would be. If there saw no objection to the arrangement it was

Voted That Elizabeth Harvey be bound to [illegible].

Mrs. Siemon also applied to take her daughter Emma. She seemed to be a respectable woman but was away from home all day working at Hovey's. It was decided that the Committee should make farther inquiries in this case also.

Mrs. McDonald wished to remove her daughter Julia from the Asylum, but it was not thought best to attend to her request; [illegible] was glad to hear that Elizabeth Dyer was improving.

One of the little girls voted in at the last meeting had come to the Asylum; her name was Isabella McPherson; the other three had not appeared.

Mrs. Bartlett wished that Abba Jane Wilson, Elizabeth Main, and Winifred McCarty should be bound to the service of the house. It was

Voted That her request be granted.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Miss White be appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

Voted That Mrs. Willard and Miss Russell be the Committee for the next month.

Voted That all bills be paid.

The meeting was then adjourned

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Attest — Mary Jane Wilson, Sec'y

May 1871

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, May 30.

The Second Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Three Childsen had been admitted, Subject to the distribution of the Board. The first, named Fanny Chapeman, had neither father nor mother and had been very much neglected. The other two, Ida and Annie Matthews, were brought to the Asylum by their father. His wife had been Sentenced to Hart Island as a Common drunkard and he had no one at home to take Care of them. It was

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting these three Children is approved by the Board.

The Committee had visited Mrs. Coman, the woman with whom Mrs. Harvey lived; they were much pleased with her and thought Elizabeth Harvey would have a good home. It was accordingly

Voted That permission be granted to Mrs. Harvey to take her daughter Elizabeth.

They had also visited Mrs. Lemon who seemed to be a very respectable woman and very anxious to have Emma at home. It was decided to accede to her Request. But it was thought best to tell her that Mrs. Bartlett would intrust by visiting Emma to keep an eye sight of her, & that She could be removed if everything were not Satisfactory.

The Committee also reported that

May 1871 Finished. McCurdy was very feeble and. that Dr. Homans considered it very desirable for her to go into the country. Reasonable board could be obtained for her in Racine with friends of Mrs. Bartlett. It was

Voted That this arrangement be made as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Witham were still very anxious to take Ida Burbee, but Mrs. Witham could not without great inconvenience come to the Asylum on account of leaving her little babe. So the mention of Ida's faults had not discouraged them it was finally

Voted That Ida Burbee be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Addison Witham.

The Managers were not pleased with the account they heard of Fanny Sanborn and it was

Voted That a note be written to her expressing their dis-approval of her Conduct.

A note was read from Miss Inches stating that her health would no longer allow her to perform the duties of First Directress and desiring therefore to resign her place. This news was received with much regret by the Board; it was decided to take no immediate action in regard to Miss Inches' resignation in the hope that a summer's rest might restore her health so that She could return to her post.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Marianne Paine be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true Record.

Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

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Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday June 27.

The Second Directress, ~~Treasurer~~, Secretary, and Eleven Managers were present.

The Committee reported everything in excellent order especially the School. No children had been offered. Emma Lemon had been visited and everything been found satisfactory. Ida Burpee had gone to Mr. and Mrs. Witham. The children had been to a pic-nic at Echo Grove which they had much enjoyed.

The entertainments to which the children were often invited were discussed by the Board. It was doubted whether there were not sometimes too many of these, especially of incidents in the evening which were apt to keep those girls who went out beyond their usual bed time. It was therefore

Voted That before accepting any invitations whether for the day or evening Mrs. Bartlett be requested to consult the Committee for the month.

A good report was received of Ellen Donovan. Emma Schlett, Mary Tustin, Mary Nickerson, Catharine Boland had been at the Asylum and appeared very well. Lola and Berty Williams had also been brought to the Asylum by their mother.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Marianne Paine be the Committee for the next month.

June 1871 The meeting was then adjourned.
A true Record.
Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, July 25.

July 1871 The Secretary and Six Managers were present:
In the absence of Mrs. Fearing, Mrs Goodwin presided over the meeting.

The Committee reported that Abby Smith had returned to the Asylum saying that She had been sent away by Mrs. Randall.
Mrs. Randall had afterwards come herself and her story did not essentially differ from Abby's. It had evidently been an unsuitable place for the girl and as Mrs. Bartlett was satisfied with her behavior since her return it was thought best that She should remain in the Asylum for the present, as She did not seem very strong. It was
Ord. That a letter be written to Mrs. Randall informing her that She had broken her Indenture and demanding from her $25., as payment for Abby's Services during the two years that She had lived with her.

Mrs. Bartlett had received unsatisfactory accounts of Sarah Noble. She was stated to be working in a mill and boarding in one of the houses with other factories. Such unfaithfulness on the part of Mrs. Ladd was deemed by the Managers sufficient reason

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for removing Sarah from their charge. It was decided that this be done by Mrs. Bartlett and that Mrs. Ladd be requested to pay $25. for Sarah's services.

It was

Voted That a fortnight's vacation be granted to the Laundress.

Also, That Miss Lerned have permission to take a fortnight early in September.

The instruction of the children in singing was discussed. Mr. Johnson, who had for so many years kindly given them lessons without any remuneration, had of late been irregular in his instructions. It was therefore

Voted That a note be written to Mr. Johnson proposing that he should give a lesson of an hour every week at the Asylum and that he should receive such compensation for this service as he should think fair.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Sears and Miss Stone be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest— Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

August 1871

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Five Managers were present in Mrs. Fearing's absence Mrs. Goodwin

August 1871 presided over the meeting

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Lyman be the Committee for the next month.

The Cook being dissatisfied with her wages, it was

Voted To give her $4.00 a week.

Two children, Sarah and Minnie Graves, were brought to the Asylum by their mother. They were admitted temporarily till further inquiries could be made into their case.

Mrs. Randall declining to pay Abby Smith the $25.00 demanded by the Asylum it was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Paine.

Sarah Noble had been brought back to the Asylum by Mrs. Bartlett. Mrs. Bartlett had found her at work in the mill; Mrs. Ladd however was also at work there and boarded in the same house with her. Sarah had been to School during the year but seemed to have led rather a rough life. Mrs. Bartlett had arranged with Mrs. de Rochemont that she should take Sarah on wages. As Mrs. Ladd refused to pay the $25.00 demanded for Sarah's services it was

Voted To refer this also to Mr. Paine.

Good accounts were received of Ellen Chaddock and Nora Tinley.

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Miss Newton gave notice that she should leave the 1st of September. It was decided to do nothing about filling the place until after the next meeting as it might be better to make some new arrangement. It was

Voted To give Miss Newton $20. as a reward for her faithful Services.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Sept. 1871 Proceedings of the Members of the Boston Female Asylum at their Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

In the absence of Dr. Robbins the Services were conducted by Rev. Rufus Ellis, who opened them with a few introductory remarks and a prayer. After the prayer the children sang; the Rite of Baptism was then administered to those whose names follow: Annie Dennis, Ellen May Avery, Bertha Stockbridge, Isabella Mac Pherson, Fanny Chakman, Sarah Graves, Minnie Graves. The Baptismal Service was followed by more Singing, and the yearly Report was then read by the Secretary.

Report for the Seventy First Anniversary of the Boston Female Asylum.

There seems less need to present a yearly report of the Asylum than of most other Institutions. Favored by Kind

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friends with abundant means for its present work, we have no further call to make on them or the public, unless we should some day decide to enlarge & supplement it. The System has pursued its course so long, that its methods, though we hope they may never become stereotyped, manifest no great variety from year to year; while its younger Sisters have the interest of striking out new paths, because much time is needed before the best ways are discovered; and even when we cannot boast of having found the best, it is sometimes hard to make improvements, lest in leaving out evil the good also may be destroyed. In fact we are an old Institution, not old in any sense of infirmity or decrepitude, but old enough to take life in a placid way, doing every day's work quietly, but making so little noise in the doing of it, as to afford nothing of new interest to be reported to the few friends who gather at our Anniversaries. Your Secretary would therefore plead to be excused from the annual repetition of what must be very much the same story, and to return to the good old custom of earlier days, when no such yearly statement was offered.

Half of the ten girls who have been indentured this year have been placed with their mothers or near relatives. We frequently find, as often mentioned before, mothers who though destitute when they bring their children to us, become, by their own unassisted labors or by remarriage, able to offer good homes to their daughters

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when they are old enough to add a little themselves to the support of the family. Two other children have left our care for that of their father, who claimed them very justly, as his wife had placed them here in his absence and without his knowledge. Three also of the older girls have, in accordance with a plan long in practise, been taken into the service of the house.

The number of admissions is twelve. The record of these cases shows a sad list of parents insane, intemperate, or unable from ill health to care for their children; of children left entirely orphaned, exposed to the evils of bad boarding houses, or the worse dangers of the street, together with a few more cheering instances of respectable widows able and willing to gain their livelihood at service, if their daughters can be safely sheltered here. In no case has any doubt rested on the Managers' minds that to admit the claimants was a right and needful thing.

Only four names are recorded of girls who ended their apprenticeship last December. One, who was taken by her mother, is married. another, who went to her brother in Maine, has not been heard from; we have no reason to suppose that she is not doing well, but writing to inform old friends of one's welfare, though seemingly very easy, is more rarely accomplished than many more difficult undertakings. the third and fourth are both at service; one of them has always been a good, steady girl, and the other is improving.

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Last December we lost one of our family, who died from an attack of Membranous Croup. All the remedies were applied which Science has discovered for the relief of this dreadful disease, but without avail; the little girl died after a few days' illness, with, we are thankful to say, very little Suffering.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of $1000., a legacy left several years ago by Mr. Fisk, the payment of which was delayed on account of some difficulties with regard to the will.

In looking over the records to furnish some information desired by the State, it was found that since the year 1800, when the first house was opened, nearly 900 orphans have called the Asylum home; and when we consider what a real home it has been to them, and that the head of the household has been in deed, if not in name, a true mother, we feel that we have reason to be proud of our large family. We hope that it may increase and multiply, and though we cannot wish it to cover the face of the earth, we can hope that wherever its members go they may be a blessing, and make the name of the Asylum respected and beloved.

Mary Anne Wales, Secretary.

After the Report the prizes were awarded to those girls who were considered to deserve them best

The prize to the Most Deserving was awarded to Elizabeth Strain. Three Dollars was added from the Appleton Fund making the whole Sum Six Dollars.

The other prizes from the Appleton Fund were given as follows:

Lydia E. Hapgood for	Industry	$ 5.00
Abby J. Wilson	Scholarship	5.00
Clementine J. Edwards	Usefulness	5.00
Annie Eugenia Street	Improvement	5.00
Isabella Warren	Improvement	5.00
Mary E. Jenkinson	Good Conduct	5.00
Emily Finn	Improvement	5.00
Ellen Dyer	Good Conduct	5.00
Mary Ann Cross	Industry	5.00
Harriet L. Leavitt	Improvement	5.00
Elizabeth Service	Improvement	5.00
Catharine Lafferty	Improvement	5.00
Ellen Powers	Industry	2.00

The distribution of the prizes was followed by Singing after which Rev. Mr. Edmands said a few words; the children sang again and the benediction was pronounced.

The Subscribers present adjourned to the Managers' Room to elect officers for the ensuing year. The following list was approved and elected.

First Directress	Miss E. B. Inches
Second Directress	Mrs. Otis Goodwin
Treasurer	Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary	Miss Mary Anne Wales

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Managers

Mrs. Albert Fearing	Mrs. Theodore Lyman
Mrs. Chas. E. Ware	Miss Marianne Pine
Miss M. E. C. White	Miss Abby M. Stone
Mrs. F. A. Tracy	Mrs. Sidney Willard
Mrs. Philip H. Sears	Miss Harriet L. Brown
Mrs. Otis Bullard	Miss Emily Russell.

Proceedings of the Managers.

The Second Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

Mrs. Lyman reported that Mr. Munson from Jamaica Plain wished to adopt Ellen Powers. The matter was discussed, but as not very much information could be obtained about Mr. and Mrs. Munson, and as Ellen was a delicate child, it was decided that she had better remain in the Asylum for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook of Dorchester applied for Adeline Hathaway. They brought recommendations and Miss Hartland who had lived in the family liked them very much.

It was therefore

Voted That Adeline Hathaway be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook.

Mr. Crosby of Braintree, who was already well known to Mrs. Bartlett, as he had Florence Nason and given her an excellent home, applied to take Abby Smith. The petition was approved by the Managers and it was decided that he should take her on trial for one year, as he should prefer.

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Inquiries had been made into the circumstances of Sarah and Minnie Graves. It was found that their father was intemperate and their mother very poor health and also apparently very inefficient. It was accordingly

Voted That the admission of Sarah and Minnie Graves is sanctioned by the Board.

With regard to the work formerly done by Miss Newton it was proposed that a division should be made, that a part of it, including the charge of the little children in the nursery, should be offered to Elfrida Strain. Elfrida was now eighteen and was much attached to the Asylum. It was decided to offer her $2.00 a week for the present and to increase her wages to $2.50 on the first of January if she should prove competent and faithful. This offer was made to Elfrida by Mrs. Lyman according to the desire of the Board and was accepted by her with much satisfaction.

It was thought that the rest of the work might be added to the duties of the second Matron. The proposal was accordingly made to her, but she desired time before coming to a final decision.

The charity box was opened and found to contain 35

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss White and Miss Paine be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest— Mary Anne Hales, Sec'y

Oct. 187 Proceedings of the Managers at their Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, Oct 31.

The Second Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Mr. Munson enclosed his application for Ellen Powers in spite of the refusal which had been conveyed to him after the last meeting. The Managers however saw no reason for altering their decision made at that time.

Mrs. Benson the aunt of Ellen Powers had made application for her niece. Ellen's father was a bad man but it was not thought that his aunt would allow him to interfere with her. Mrs. Bartlett had been in Mrs. Benson's house in S. Scituate and was much pleased with the place. It was accordingly

Voted That Ellen Powers be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Benson.

One child named Ellen Merill was reported as admitted. Her mother was a widow living at service in Melrose and earning 2.50 a week; her feeble health would not allow her to earn more. She was obliged to ~~hired~~ to pay 2.00 for the board of her little girl who was besides neglected and allowed to run about the streets. These circumstances having been heard it was

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting Ellen Merill is confirmed by the Board.

It was stated that Miss Ladd had concluded to discharge the extra duties charged for by

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Specimens of the children's Sewing, patching and darning were examined by the Ladies with Satisfaction.

The grandmother of Emma Jones wished either to give up Emma to her mother or to return her to the Asylum. It was decided that the girl could not be received again into the Asylum.

A notice was read inviting the Asylum to join with other Charitable Institutions to test the validity of the new law taxing the Shares in National Banks belonging to Charitable Institutions. It was

Voted — To refer the matter to Mr. Paine.

The Managers learned from Mrs. Ware that Miss Inches felt it necessary to abide by the decision she had formed in the Spring of Resigning her place as First Directress. The Resignation was therefore accepted with great reluctance. It was

Voted — That a note be written to Miss Inches expressing the deep regret of the Board at her Resignation as well as their grateful Sense of her faithful and long Continued Services.

The Resignation of Miss Emily Russell owing to her absence for some time in Europe was also reported to the Board. This Resignation was accepted.

It was

Voted — To invite Miss Gertrude Ellis to fill one of the vacant places at the Board.

Voted — That all bills be paid.

Voted — That Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Ware be the Committee for the next month.

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Treasurer's Report.
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	Cash on hand Oct. 15, 1870		4,129.76
Received	Interest Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co.	260.—	
"	" " Appleton Fund	65.—	
Dividends	Bank Stock	4826.50	
"	Lawrence Gas Co.	2125.—	
"	Boston & Albany R. R.	260.—	
"	Cochecs Co.	90.—	
Interest	U. S. Bonds	690.—	
	Premium on gold	77.06	
"	Atlantic Mutual Ins. Co. Scrip	210.—	
"	Railroad Bonds	1097.81	
"	Mortgage	375.—	
67	Subscriptions	201.—	
	Charity Box	33	
	Income for the year		12,617.72
	Legacy from Mrs. Fiske		1000.—
			17,747.48

Paid for	Provisions	2957.59	
	Salaries of Matron & Teachers, & Wages	2370.—	
	Orders to the Matron for the use of the Asylum	960	
	Clothing	1144.83	
	Furniture	132.37	
	Repairs	1584.84	
	Fuel for 2 years	1612.75	
	Incidental Expenses	604.30	
	Prizes from Appleton Fund	65.—	
	Prize to Most Deserving Girl	3.—	
	Expenses for the year		11,434.65

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Paid for Illinois Grand Trunk R. R. Bond	990.–
" Interest on above 2 months & 8 days	15.–
Cash deposited in Old Boston National Bank	5307.67
	17,747.48

Stock Account

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co	40,000.–
" Appleton Fund	1,000.–
" Bank Stock	50,200.–
Lawrence Gas Co.	8,500.–
Cocheco Co.	500.–
Boston & Albany Railroad	2,600.–
U. S. Bonds	11,500.–
Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co. Scrip	3,027.50
Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers R. R. Bonds	1,000.–
Cincinnati & Indiana R. R. Bonds	4,375.–
Burlington & Missouri R. R. Bonds	4,000.–
" Loring Fund	6,280.–
Illinois Grand Trunk R. R. Bond	990.–
Note & Mortgage of James Teevan	3,000.–
Suffolk Savings Bank	14,930.54
Provident Institution for Savings	4,514.63
	158,417.67

Errors Excepted
Sarah C. Paine, Treasurer.

This Report was read and accepted.
Voted That Mrs White and Mr. Tracy be appointed a
Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.
The meeting was then adjourned.
A true Record. Attest – Mary Anne Wales, Secy

Nov. 1871

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1871.

The Second Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Mr. and Mrs. Otis Davenport of Coleraine, Mass. wished to take Mary Jenkinson. The place seemed a very desirable one; they would send Mary to School and Sunday School and treat her as their own child. They had already adopted two children, one of whom was married, and one dead. Their daughter, Seventeen years old, had seen Mary and liked her very much. These circumstances having been heard it was

Voted That Mary E. Jenkinson be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Davenport.

Mrs. Leavitt had applied to take her daughter Harriet. She seemed a woman of good character, was living with her mother in East Boston and brought several recommendations from persons residing in that place. It was

Voted That Harriet Leavitt be taken by her mother.

A Mrs. Colman had come to the Asylum and asked for the admission of two children named Barker. Their father was dead; their mother was at service where she earned $3.50 a week. Out of this she could pay a trifling sum to her sister for the board of one of her four children, but could not support them all. She would therefore like to place two of them in the Asylum. It was

Voted That these two children be admitted.

Miss Ellis request was received to admit a child who was now in Tewksbury. Her father was a drunkard and her mother at Service. The case seemed so doubtful a one that it was left for the Committee for the next month to investigate.

A letter was read from the mother of Georgianna Long. She had married in Nevada and wished her ~~H~~ daughter to be sent out to live with her. It was decided that Mrs. Bartlett should ask Mrs. Brown, the ~~sister~~ aunt of Georgianna, to see Mrs. Goodwin and confer with her on the subject.

Mrs. Bartlett wished to have the attic rooms finished. It was thought best that Mrs. Fearing should talk this matter over with Mr. Burr.

Miss Howland petitioned for a vacation from Wednesday to Monday that she might go home. It was

Voted That her request be granted.

It was stated that Elfrida was doing excellently in the nursery and that the children were very fond of her. It was

Voted That Mrs. Goodwin be chosen to fill the place of First Directress and that Mrs. Fearing be elected second Directress.

The Managers were pleased to hear that Miss Ellis had consented to fill one of the vacancies at the Board.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Fearing and Miss Brown be the committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned. A true record.

Attest Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

Dec. 1871

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Dec. 26-

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Nine Managers were present-

Mrs. Fearing explained the Arrangements that She had made with Mr. Bull about the Chairs in the attic. The Plan Received not the approbation of the Board.

An American woman had applied for the admission of her grandchild. The Father of the little girl was in Consumption and had gone to his friends to die; the mother had a young baby, and hoped by getting a place as Wet Nurse to Support herself and her infant- but She could not be burdened also with the elder child. The Case had Seemed a pressing one, and the little girl had been admitted, Subject to the approbation of the Board.

It was

Voted That this child Clara Grace Dodge be admitted.

It was Stated that the persons who had applied for the admission of the Child from Newburyport had not returned.

The Services of Elfrida Strain having proved entirely Satisfactory, it was

Voted to raise her wages to $2.50 a week.

The Children had enjoyed very much their Christmas festival to which Mr. Robbins Society had as usual invited them.

They had also attended a pleasant meeting on Christmas Eve at Hollis St. Church.

Miss Inches had very Kindly Sent them

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three barrels of eating apples.

The Treasurer's books were referred to Select.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Willard and Mrs. Sears be appointed the Committee for the next month.

Voted That Mrs. Greely Curtis be invited to fill the vacant place at the Board

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest — Mary Louise Hines, Sec'y.

Jany. 1872

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Jany. 30.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

The Ladies were very glad to welcome Mrs. Greely Curtis as a Member of the Board.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Ballard be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee ekorted the admission of two children, Florence Emily and Lilian Herbert, very soon after the last meeting. Their father was dead and their mother left with so large a family that she could not support them all. They had thus far proved very good children.

It was

Voted That the admission of these two children is ekpected by the Board.

An application had been

Jany. 1872 received from a man named Gill who worked with a tailor in Summer St. He desired to obtain a divorce from his wife and to put his little girls into the Asylum. The case seemed so doubtful that it was left for the Committee of the next month to investigate further, if the man should apply again.

Mrs. Quinby of Lake Village N. H. made application for Katy Lafferty. Mrs. Bartlett was pleased with Mrs. Quinby, and the account of the place was favorable. The Managers however finally decided that it would be better to learn more about the place. It was therefore

Voted that Katy Lafferty be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Quinby if the Committee for the next month judge it best after further information is received.

Mrs. Upton of Salem desired to take Caroline ~~Ebbis~~ Remington. The recommendations were satisfactory but there was some doubt whether Mrs. Upton correctly knew Caroline's age and the time at which her apprenticeship must end. If she fairly understood this there seemed no objection to her taking the girl.

With this proviso it was accordingly

Voted That Caroline Remington be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Upton.

Good reports were received of Mary Jenkinson and Alice Holbrook.

The Committee reported the School in a satisfactory condition.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest — Mary Anne Wales Sec

List of Girls who completed their apprenticeship during the years 1870 & 1871.

Catharine Häuser. A good Steady girl, at Service.

Rosella Newbert. At Service in Medford, improving.

Catharine Brown. Married, living in New York

Sarah A. Hall. Not heard from. With her Relations.

Margaret Hazelitt. Living at Service in Falmouth. A very good girl.

Charlotte Grams. doing well; Still lives with Mrs. Cobb; Comes often to the Asylum.

Ellen Claffee. Not heard from; last accounts unsatisfactory

Emma C. Schlett. At Service; doing well.

Isbella G. Harvey. Doing well; works for Brown the apothecary.

Charlotte A. Bishop. In the almshouse. Incompetent.

Lucy Lindon. Living with her mother in East Boston, doing well.

Emma F. Hall. Doing pretty well at Service.

Katharine Kelley. Is dead.

Mary A. Hartman. Lives with her father; is doing nicely. Comes frequently to the Asylum.

Mary Ann Forrest. Lived till She was eighteen years old & Service not. Is now doing well with her mother.

February 1872

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, February 27.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Brown and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mr. and Mrs. Upton had concluded to take Caroline Remington and she had gone to Salem. A very satisfactory letter concerning her from Mr. Upton was read.

Mr. Gill had not appeared again.

An excellent account of Mrs. Quinby had been received. But it now appeared that she had made such arrangements in her family that she would not want Katy Lafferty at present and perhaps not at all. Mr. Quinby requested that Katy might be kept in the Asylum for some months till she could know certainly whether she should want her. The Managers were not willing to bind themselves in this way but they agreed that she should go to Mrs. Quinby, provided no other desirable place should meantime present itself.

Mrs. Lawson Prouty, formerly Mrs. Hoyt, applied for her daughter Caroline. As she was thought to be a worthy woman in comfortable circumstances since her marriage, and as the elder daughter Ida had already gone from the Asylum to live with her, there seemed no objection to granting her request. It was therefore

Voted That Caroline Hoyt be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Prouty.

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It was stated that Mr. Smart no longer found it convenient to keep Ellen Chaddock and wished to transfer her to Mr. Pickering of Portsmouth. It had been ascertained that the new place would be a good one for Ellen and it was accordingly

Voted That this transfer be made.

Application was made through Miss Putnam from Mr. Pulsifer a farmer in Compton, N. H. for Julia MacDonald. Mr. Pulsifer had seen Julia and wished to take her though the Matron had told him her faults. Miss Putnam knew the family and recommended them highly; it had proved an excellent place for a troublesome girl from the Dorchester School, who was now eighteen. It was

Voted That Julia MacDonald be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Pulsifer.

Mrs. Burnet a friend of Mrs. Bullard's would probably apply next month for a girl to live with her niece in Scotland Conn. It seemed a very desirable place.

Miss Haviland petitioned for a two weeks vacation. Her request was granted. But it was judged best to make some definite Settlement respecting the Teachers vacation. It was therefore

Voted That the Teachers vacation shall consist of six weeks during the year, four in Summer and two in winter. and that no other vacation except on the regular holidays shall be allowed.

The Services of Miss Leonard having proved in several respects unsatisfactory it was

Voted To dispense with them as soon as she could.

Feby. 1872 conveniently find another situation. It was also
Voted That the Committee for the next month
endeavor to find a Suitable person to fill the
place.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record. Attest — Mary Anne Ellis, Sec'y.

March 1872 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on March 26, 1872.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary, and Ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Storer and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that they had found very little trouble in procuring a Seamstress. They had engaged Miss Sarah A. Neal, a person who wanted the place last year. Mrs. Bartlett was thus far much delighted with her.

Julia McDonald had gone to Mr. Pulsifer, and seemed to be very happy in her new home.

Mrs. Quimby had concluded to take Kate Lafferty, & had accordingly gone to Lake Village.

Mrs. Bartlett had visited Parthenia Fathaway and Ida Burpee; She found the former doing well and the latter improving.

Mr. Williams, agent for the British Charitable Society applied for the admission of a little girl named Eliza Davey. The mother had come from Canada with her three children, the father was in jail for brutal treatment of his family.

March 19th Mrs. Davies had come to Boston in the hope that she and her children could be sent to London, but this was not thought practicable. The plan now was that she and her oldest daughter should go out to Service, that they should pay from their wages the board of the baby and that the remaining child should be received into the Asylum. These circumstances having been heard, it was

Voted That Eliza Davies be admitted.

Mrs. Swords, a woman whose husband had deserted her, applied for the admission of her little girl. The child was at present in the Temporary Home and had not been well. She wished to bring her to the Asylum now that she had recovered.

Voted That her request be granted.

Mrs. Swords herself wished to go out as a Seamstress.

Mrs. Colman who had some months ago brought her two nieces Jane and Sophia Barker to the Asylum, now applied for the admission of their younger sister of whom she had the care. She said she was obliged to keep her own daughter at home to take care of this little girl, which was an inconvenient arrangement for her. It was

Voted That this little girl be admitted.

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Morgan of Wenham applied to adopt Georgiana Jenkinson. Mrs. Barrett thought from what she knew of the family that it would be an excellent place for Georgiana. It was accordingly

Voted That she be bound to Mr. & Mrs. Morgan.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record — Attest — Mary Anne Wales Secretary

April 1872

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday April 30.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Sarah H. and Mary K. Barker Swords had been admitted according to the votes passed at the last meeting.

The mother of Eliza Davey had heard from her brother in Canada that he wished her to come and keep his house and was willing to support her family. She had decided to return and of course desired to take Eliza with her. The child had therefore been returned to her mother.

Letters had been received from Mr. Pulsifer giving a very bad account of the State of Julia McDonald's eyes. There seemed some danger that she would lose her sight and during all her stay at Mr. Pulsifer's she had been an expensive case instead of a help. It was

Voted That remuneration be made to Mr. Pulsifer for all the expense he had incurred on Julia's account and that the girl be brought as soon as possible to Boston and put under the best medical treatment.

Mr. de Rochemont Son of the Mr. de Rochemont who had already taken two girls from the Asylum, had applied for Ida Harvey. There seemed no doubt that it was an excellent place and it was accordingly

Voted That Mary Ida Harvey be bound to Mr. F. H. de Rochemont.

April 1872 Mrs. Addison Witham made complaint of the conduct of Ida Burpee and seemed to desire that the girl should be transferred to some other place. The tone of the letter was such that the Managers did not feel that it would be for Ida's good to remain any longer with Mrs. Witham. It was therefore

Voted That the Secretary write to Mrs. Witham asking her to send Ida immediately back to the Asylum.

It was thought probable that Mr. Pulsifer might like to take Ida in exchange for Julia. It was left in Mrs. Bartlett's charge to make this arrangement if possible.

The mother of Georgianna Stevenson, an excellent woman had married again and could now offer her daughter a comfortable home. Her husband Mr. Swain seemed from all that could be learned to be a man of good character and was as desirous as his wife to take Georgianna. It was therefore

Voted That Georgianna Stevenson be given up to her mother and Stepfather.

A very discouraging account was received of Delia Kelley who had been bound to Mr. Waterman. Mrs. Bartlett thought that Mr. Waterman had done all that he could for Delia. It was therefore

Voted That if the trouble continues Mr. Waterman be authorized to transfer Delia to the State Reform School.

Mrs. Gerry, a deserving widow, had

April 1872 applied for the admission of her two little girls She had been at first unwilling to give them up but now would like them both to be taken in. The younger one was not however old enough for admission at present but it was

Voted That the elder child, Mary Eliza Smith, be admitted.

Another widow had been sent to the Asylum by Mrs. Guynne. She had five children and applied to have three of them admitted. The woman was a Roman Catholic and it seemed better that she should if possible find a home for them in some Roman Catholic Institution. The matter was left for the Committee for the next month to decide.

Mr. Burnett of Scotland Conn. the person mentioned a few months ago by Mrs. Bullard now write that he would like a girl. He spoke of Ida Harvey who was now otherwise provided for. Mrs. Bullard thought that he would like Minnie Wilson. In case it should be so it was

Voted That Minnie Wilson be bound to Mr. ~~and Mrs. Burnett~~.

It was stated that Mr. Johnson would like new music books for the elder girls. It was

Voted That the Committee arrange with Mr. Johnson to get whatever of this sort is necessary.

A Library of Sunday School books had been sent to the children from Mr. Bradlee's Society, which was now breaking up. It was

Voted That this gift be gratefully acknowledged.

The question of some temporary arrangement for the children's church and Sunday school

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came up for discussion. It was clear that Dr. Robbins's Society could not accommodate them while their Church was taking down and rebuilding. It was decided that application be made to Mr. Chaney to ascertain whether it would be agreeable to himself and his Society that the children should attend church and Sunday School at Hollis St. at least for the present, and if so that a proposal be made to hire ten pews in that church. Mrs. Goodwin and Miss Brown were appointed a Committee to attend to this business.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss White and Mrs. Curtis be appointed Committee for the next month.

Voted That Miss White and Mrs. Tracy be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Secy

May 1872

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting, held on Tuesday, May 28.

The First Directress, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Willard and Mrs. Sears be the Committee for the next month.

Application had been made by the mother of Alice Webber, now Mrs. Blake, to take

May 18th her daughter from the Asylum. It having been ascertained that Mrs. Blake had the means to support Alice, it was

Voted That Alice Hilbert be returned to the Asylum for the present.

It was reported that Julia McDonald had returned to the Asylum early in the month, and had been taken to the Cole Hospital to be examined by Dr. Williams. He could not tell whether she would be likely to recover her eyesight in six weeks or six months, but said there would be no use in sending her to the Eye and Ear Infirmary. It was therefore decided to have her remain in the Asylum.

Ida Burke had also been sent back. A letter was read from Mr. Palsifer expressing his willingness to take Ida as a temporary substitute for Julia. This arrangement did not seem to the Managers desirable and it was thought best that Ida should wait for a permanent place.

Three children had been admitted since the last meeting: Katharine Queen, Ella E. Dodge and Emma Wagner. The mother of the first was a widow living at Service; the second was presented for admission by her aunt who had been legally appointed her guardian, her father being both a common drunkard; the third had no parents and was brought to the Asylum by Mrs. Myers, an excellent woman well known by some of the Managers. Her parents died in New York, leaving a family of children with no one to look after them;

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the Relations with whom the little girl had been placed when She came from New York were people of bad character and moreover took no interest in the child. Mrs. Myers herself was the only one of the little girl's connections who was fit to bring her up and She was to prove to incur the charge. It was

Voted That the admission of these three children is Sanctioned by the Board.

Mrs. Calhoun, a woman evidently in very poor health wished a home for her little girl in the Asylum; her husband was a drunkard, She herself lived at Service; the child was left to the care of a grandmother who did not feel able to support her. These circumstances having been heard it was

Voted That Flora Emma Calhoun be admitted. It was stated that the Treasurer's books had been examined and found Correct.

A very kind note was read from Mr. Foote inviting the children to attend King's Chapel during the Summer months with the rest of Dr. Robbins's parish. It was decided to thank Mr. Foote for this invitation but to decline it both on account of the long walk for the children and because a more convenient arrangement could be made at Hollis St.

Letters had been received from Mr. Chaney and from Mr. Sibley, Chairman of the Standing Committee at Hollis St. Church offering very good pews for the children's accommodation, and giving them an invitation to the Sunday School.

May-1872 It was thought best that the Secretary should write to Mr. Sibley accepting the proposal and asking him to name the Sum that should be paid as pew-rent.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record — Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Secy.

June-1872 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, June 25.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

Voted — That all bills be paid

Voted — That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Paine be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Bartlett had been in Lacona all the month taking care of Isabella Fairbairn. Isabella had a hemorrhage on the day of the last meeting and had been sent to New Hampshire by the Doctor's advice to stay several months. While there she was taken dangerously ill with an attack of pneumonia; Mrs. Bartlett on her return reported her better, but still unable to do anything for herself.

It was necessary to supply Isabella's place in the School at least temporarily and at Mrs. Bartlett's request it was decided to pay Elfrida Strain as Miss Rowland's assistant.

The Committee also reported that the Assistant Matron proposed to leave in the course of the Summer, and that

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Mrs. Bartlett would prefer in her place Stead Some one who would fill the place of head-nurse or woman. This matter was left for the Committee of the next month.

It was thought best that Winifred McCarty should assist in the School when Miss Hov. land should take her vacation, and that Lydia Halcomb should take Elfrida's place in the nursery.

It was stated that Minnie Wilson had been returned to the Asylum by Mr. Burnett, who found much serious fault with her.

Julia McDonald's eyes had very much improved.

A letter was received from Sophronia Holton asking Mrs. Bartlett to allow her to come to the Asylum on a three months' visit. The vacation at the Blind Asylum in Philadelphia would be longer than usual on account of some repairs which were to be made, and Sophronia evidently felt the danger of passing so much time with her mother. Her request was enforced by a letter from the Principal of the Establishment, offering to pay her passage on and back and one dollar a week for board.

It was decided to grant Sophronia's request although it was not thought best to accept the offer as to payment of board. Letters were to be written both to the Principal and to Sophronia urging the greatest care in regard to her passage from Philadelphia to Boston.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest— Mary Anne Wales.

July 1872 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday July 30.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Six Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Stone and Mrs. Sears be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Miss Ladd had changed her mind as to leaving the Asylum and would like to continue in her present position although she was not quite satisfied with her wages. She had improved very much and Mrs. Bartlett would prefer to have her stay. The nursery woman had been tried who had stayed only twenty four hours not having realized what her duties would be. These circumstances having been heard, it was

Voted That Miss Ladd be retained and that her wages be raised to $4.50 a week.

Lydia Hapgood had been employed in the nursery and had discharged her duties there in a satisfactory manner.

Elfrida Strain had done very well in the School. She was now a little run down and Mrs. Bartlett proposed to take her to New Hampshire for a visit. She would then return to take charge of the School during Miss Ladd's absence, and later in the fall would have another little vacation herself. It was

Voted That Elfrida shall receive $3.00 a week from the time that she first came into the School, also the expenses of her journey to and from New Hampshire be paid from the funds of

July 1872. the Asylum.

Sophronia Holton had come early in the month and on the whole had adjusted pretty well.

Mr Crosby had brought back Abby Smith to the Asylum, he found no fault with her but said She did not agree with Florence Mason. He considered that the blame rested chiefly on Florence, but as they had adopted her it seemed best to part with Abby. An application for Abby was made by Mr. and Mrs. Andrews of Cambridge. The place promised well and it was decided that they should take Abby & they would agree to the following terms; to supply her with the clothing that She may need while living with them and to pay $5. on every month at the Asylum for her services.

Mrs Dearborn from Roslindale applied to take Ida Pearce for two months on trial. She brought an excellent recommendation from Mrs E. Phillips. She had taken a girl from the Children's Friend Society thirty four years ago and kept her till now which was in itself the best recommendation. It was therefore voted That her request be granted.

A very good account of Ellen Conrad was received.

Mr. Bradley of the Children's Mission called for the admission of Six children in case they were prevented from taking them at the Mission by the whooping Cough with which the children on that institution were now

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Troubled. Two of these Children were sisters whose mother was dead and whose father, a well-meaning man, was anxious to have them provided for. Two others were the Children of a good father, whose wife was a fearful Drunkard. The Father was very desirous that Some out of his large family of Children should have a good home. Another of the little girls had no mother and a bad father. The last - no father and a miserable mother. All the parents were willing to comply with the usual terms of admission. It was accordingly

Voted that these Six Children be received if they are presented for admission.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true Record.

Attest - Mary Anne Wales, Secretary

August 1872

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday August -7.

The First and Second Directresses and Four Managers were present:

Voted That all bills be paid

That Mrs. Willard and Miss Stone be the Committee for the next month.

The proprietor of the Citizens' Laundry desired to put out a wire frame Sign and for that purpose had asked permission to attach a rope to one of the trees in the front yard.

Voted That his request be Refused.

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Dr. Andrews had applied to take Abby Smith. He had expected to have her bound him by Indenture and now took her temporarily, hoping that the Managers would reconsider their vote. He had been at considerable expense in fitting up a room for her and was much disappointed that he could not have her on the old terms. As so few were present, it was

Voted to defer a decision till the next meeting.

Two applications were made for Ellen Dane, one by her mothers Sister the other by her father's brother. As it was evidently a matter of jealousy between the mothers and fathers relatives, it was

Voted To refuse both applications.

Lizzie Strain and Jenny McGuire had been sent into the Country for their health. It was

Voted To confirm this act of the Committee and pay the expenses of these two Children.

Bartlett had heard a very good

Voted of Delia Kelley.

Mr Bell reported it necessary that blinds, Sashes, & Sills should be repaired and painted in October.

That Mr. Bell be authorized to attend to these

Voted Repairs.

Four of the children spoken of at the last meeting had been admitted: Katharine & Emma Krasinski, Bertha E. Holbrook and Lilly Frowen.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record. Attest. Harriet L. Brown for Secy

Sept. 1872

Proceedings of the Members of the Boston Female Asylum at their Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, September 24.

Rev. Dr. Robbins opened the meeting with prayer, which was followed by singing from the children. Those whose names follow were then baptized: Ellen S. Merill, Clara Grace Dodge, Sarah H. Swords, Mary Eliza Smith, Katharine Dunn, Ella E. Dodge, Emma Wagner, Katherine Kreinsh, Emma Kreinsh, Bertha E. Colbrook, Grace L. Colbrook. After the baptism the report was read by the Secretary.

Report of the one hundred and second Anniversary of the Boston Female Asylum.

We speak gratefully, not boastfully, in saying that the Asylum has now added another to the many prosperous years it has already enjoyed. To those of us who are interested in the trials and difficulties of other Institutions it seems as if our lines must be cast in pleasant places and with which our work is filled is not perfect, but it is hard to imagine how the affairs of a family of the size of this could be managed with fewer rubs, and fewer weak places in the machinery. We are thankful for the spirit of Christian love, which under different administrations has long ruled in it.

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Sept. 1872. At present we number in our family twenty seven.

Nine have left the Asylum; Some to go to their mothers & other relatives; the rest to places in which we hope they will find and show themselves ready to receive the same good influences to which they have been subject with us. In placing out the children is always the part of the work in which mistakes may most easily be made. We can only act according to our best judgment, and leave the result in the hands of Him who will overrule all human errors. We meet with many disappointments, and yet in looking over the lists from year to year, the surprise is that so many girls do find leading useful, respectable lives. For instance, of the ten who left December in-patient this spring or fall, we find a record of six as satisfactory, and of noted incompetent and in the almshouse; the rest are all doing well, either in families, in places of other kinds, or with their friends.

We were obliged this year to accept with much regret the resignation of our First Directress, Miss Inches; for many years she served the Asylum faithfully; her labor was a labor of love, and we are sorry that the state of her health compelled her to discontinue it.

Before closing this short statement we must present our thanks to the ladies & gentlemen who in many ways have shown kindness to the children. For entertainments at the Christmas season we are indebted both to Mr. Robbins's church and to Phillips St; for a Turkish bath entertainment to members of Mr. Hale's parish, and for the very welcome gift of a sewing school library to the Readers Society. A great many friendly offices have been

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received, some at their homes & their lives have been sheltered, some at the Institute of the Old Men's Home their pleasant rooms and tasteful corps have lightened many weary hours.

They may be said to have made themselves a home in many of the Boston churches. Without going back to the time in which they worshipped in private houses, they have been kindly planted and watched during the last year, since the Second Church has been like unto them, have been welcomed into the Berkeley St. and Berkeley Chapel. We do believe that in the future as in the past some good provision will be made for them. Kindness from Boston people they have never lacked, and it sometimes seems as if year by year the gifts grow more bountiful. We are grateful for all the love shown themselves to the dead, and to Him who is the source of all good gifts.

Mary Anne Hales, Secretary.

After the Report the children sang again. The prizes were then awarded & the girls whose names follow. The prize of Three Dollars for the Most Deserving Girl was given to Clementina F. Edwards. to this was added Three Dollars from the Appleton Fund.

Lydia E. Capgood for	Good Conduct	$5.—
Abby F. Wilson "	Good Scholarship	5.—
Winifred M Castle "	Industry	5.—
Mary Ann Cook "	Improvement	5.—
Helen L. Welch "	Good Conduct	5.—
Elizabeth Service "	Industry	5.—
Emma Finn "	Improvement	5.—

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Augusta Parkman	for	Usefulness	$3.—
Selina E. Edwards	"	Usefulness	3.—
Elizabeth Ford	"	Improvement	5.—
Ellen Powers	"	Usefulness	3.—
Laura Allen	"	Good Behavior	5.—
Isabella McPherson	"	Improvement	3.—

The distribution of prizes was followed by singing; after which addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Ellis, Mr. Chaney and Mr. Babcock. Before the benediction was pronounced the children sang again. The Subscribers were then invited to adjourn to the Managers' Room to elect officers for the ensuing year. The following list was proposed and accepted.

First Directress	Mrs. Otis Gordon
Second Directress	Mrs. Albert Fearing
Treasurer	Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary	Miss Mary Anne Wales

Managers

Mrs. Charles E. Ware	Miss Marianne Paine
Miss M. E. C. White	Miss Abby M. Stone
Mrs. F. U. Tracy	Mrs. Sidney Willard
Mrs. Philip H. Sears	Miss Harriet L. Brown
Mrs. Otis Bullard	Miss Gertrude S. Ellis
Mrs. Theodore Lyman	Mrs. Emily S. Curtis

Proceedings of the Managers.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Miss Marianne Paine and Miss Otis be the Committee for the next month.

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The Committee elected that Grace Holbrook, a sister of Retha Holbrook, had been admitted since the last meeting. This act of the Committee was sanctioned by the Board.

The uncle of Mary E. Dame was still very desirous of taking his niece. He brought good references and also a letter from Mary's paternal father, Mr. Murray, renouncing his own claims in favor of Mr. Dame. The Managers did not however feel that they understood the matter well enough to decide immediately. It was therefore left till further investigations could be made.

Jenny McVicker had been sent into the Country for her health, but had become rapidly worse & had been obliged to return. Dr. Homans pronounced the disease to be in the skin and gave orders that she should be kept entirely from work. A basket had been made in which she could be wheeled about and all measures taken for her comfort.

Mrs. Otis, who had remarried, applied to take her two children from the Asylum. It was felt that in this case further inquiries must be made and it was therefore decided to let the subject lie over till the next meeting.

Mrs. Edwards also wished to take her daughter Clementina. She was believed to be a good woman, but as she had not brought the references it was thought that a decision in this case also must be deferred.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Odell of Stratham N. H. were very desirous of adopting

Sept. 1862 Ellen Travis. It seemed like a sad case to have lived in a city for some time since the application was made to run all the necessary information. This matter was therefore postponed.

The case of Lucy Ann Gerry was brought forward. She had been presented for admission in the Spring, but was considered then too young, as She would not be three years old till February, 1873. Mrs. Bartlett being willing, it was

Voted That She be admitted in November. It was

Voted To reconsider the vote passed at the July meeting and to allow Mr. and Mrs. Andrews to take Abby Smith on Indenture.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record. Attest— Mary Anne Wales, Secretary

Oct. 1872 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Ballard be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Wolthen, formerly Mrs. Edwards, had brought good testimonials, and it was accordingly

Voted That her request to take her daughter Clementina be granted.

In regard to Mr. and Mrs. Franke, the stepfather and mother of Mary Ann and Emma Wiles, good reference of whom had been obtained, Mrs. Endicott

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had been much pleased with Mrs. Franke, and the
court had always selected to take care of his
wife's children; Mrs. Franke worked a good deal of
the time for a dressmaker, but an old woman
who lived in the house would take good care
of the children while she was away from home.
These circumstances having been heard, it was

Ford

That Mary Ann and Emma Ford be given
into the care of their mother.

Great pains had been taken to find out
the best course to pursue in regard to Mary
Ellen Dame. It was found that her mother had
been much respected by the Dame family and at
her death had been very careful to leave her
little girl to the care of her own sister; it seemed
therefore not right to the mother's wishes as well
as a violation of an obligation to the aunt who
placed her care to put her into their hands.
Moreover the Dame family were a very
bad character, and though nothing had been heard
against Mr. John Dame in particular his
ungentlemanly behavior at the Asylum during
Mrs Franke's was not in his favor. It was
suggested that if Mary Ellen remain in the Asylum
it would be well to have a guardian appointed
for her as this might save trouble from Mr. Dame.
After due consideration it was

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That Mary Ellen Dame be kept in the Asylum
and that Mrs. Bartlett be appointed her guardian.
Mrs. Blake again made application for the trusteeship
but was refused. She brought a good testimonial to her
husband's character, and pleaded that he earned
good wages. It was thought best that more

particular inquiries in this case should be made, but if the visit should show it to be

Voted That Mrs. Blake's request be granted.

Mr. Stevenson applied to take his adopted daughter, Elizabeth Stevenson. This matter was referred to the Committee of the next month.

Isabella Warren had run away from the Asylum on the last Friends' Day. It was suppposed that she had been instigated to this by her mother, who was a woman of bad character and was known by the Police to have kept a house of ill fame. Mrs. Warren stated that she had sent Isabella to Michigan but as this story was not believed it was decided that measures for her recovery through the Police be taken; for this the appointment of a Special Committee was necessary. It was therefore

Voted That Mrs. Goodwin and Miss Marianne Paine be appointed a Special Committee to cause Isabella Warren to be returned to the guardianship of the Asylum.

Mrs. Kingman wished to take a girl from the Asylum and was willing to take Minnie Wilson on trial for three months. It was

Voted That this arrangement be made, provided Mrs. Kingman's references be satisfactory.

Fanny McGuire had been very ill and had been placed by Mr. Farnham in the City Hospital where she was recovering.

Henrietta Thompson had been reported by Miss Jewett as very much out of health. She was thought to be in consumption and had been placed in Miss Robbins' hospital.

Isabella Fairborn was much better, but

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was still very delicate. She wished to resume her School duties, but this the Managers did not deem advisable. It was decided that Mrs. Bartlett should employ her in whatever light work She could find for her and that Mrs. Hale should during the month get the opinion of Dr. Timins in regard to her. It was

Voted that they pay her the same salary for the next month which She had previously received for her services in the School. It was also

Voted that Elfrida Strain should from Nov. 1 be paid at the rate of Two Hundred dollars a year. Also that Lydia E. Hapgood be paid $2.50 a week from Oct. 8.

The Managers decided that the little closet next the School Room must be given up as a recitation Room as it was too unhealthy a place, one other room must be taken in its stead and the Committee for the next month were requested to Confer with Mrs. Bartlett as to the change least inconvenient to her.

Mrs. Bartlett had visited Isabella Harvey, Ellen Chaddock and Sarah Noble. She reported the two first doing very well and the last improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell had decided that Ellen Powers was not as strong a girl as they wanted, they would have liked Mary Tebenham, but on looking to the Register it was found that she was only nine years old. Their references were unexceptionable and it was

Voted that Mrs. Odell have leave to take any child of suitable age from she may select.

An india rubber cloth had been bought for Jennie McGuire.

Oct. 1872 Fanny Sanborn had been married to a very worthy man. Ellen Thompson had been married. Susan Mordy was deserted & is living [illegible].

A statement was made concerning the bequest of Mr. Rowe. This gentleman died several years ago leaving to his widow the use of his property during life, but at her death dividing it equally between the Boston Female Asylum and the Home for Aged and Indigent Females. This latter Society wished the Asylum to appoint some one to act for them in regard to the division of this property. It was

Voted That Mr. Robt. T. Paine Jr. be appointed to act for the Asylum in this matter.

The [illegible] Report was then read

Treasurer's Report
Oct. 25, 1872.

	Cash on hand Oct. 18, 1871		5,307.69
Received	Interest Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co.	2,600.—	
	" " " " Appleton Fund	65.—	
	Dividends Bank Stock	4,883.—	
	" Lawrence Gas Co.	1,497.—	
	" Boston & Albany R. R.	260.—	
	" Cochico Co.	100.—	
	Interest U. S. Bonds	679.52	
	Premium on Gold	12.13	
	Interest Atlantic Mutual Ins. Co. Scrip	210.—	
	" Railroad Bonds	187.94	
	" Mortgage	25.—	
	65 Subscriptions	195.—	
	Mrs. Abel Adams's Life Subscription	50.—	
	Charity Box	.58	
	Loans for the year		[illegible]
			[illegible]

			17430.86
	Bank int. Spindle City Bank		845.46
	" " " Bank		241.72
	Atlantic Scrip paid off		350.—
	U.S. Bonds paid off $1500.— in gold Sold for		1,700.62
	5 yrs. interest Extra int'd Prov. Ins. for Savings		1,662.08
			23,380.74
Paid for	Provisions	3,231.32	
	Salaries and Wages	2,475.90	
	Orders to the Matron for the use of the Asylum	960.—	
	Clothing	937.—	
	Furniture	421.20	
	Repairs	1,515.70	
	Incidental Expenses	125.42	
	Fuel	774.82	
	Prizes from Appleton Fund	15.—	
	Prize to Most Deserving Girl	3.—	
	Expenses for the year		11,228.86
	Loss on Bonds sold		774.62
42	shares Stock Lawrence Gas Co.		4200.—
	Int. on deposit in Prov. Ins. for Savings		1662.08
	Cash deposited in Old Boston National Bank		515.18
			23,380.74

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Stock Account

Mass Capital Life Insurance Co.		45,000.—
" " "	Appleton Fund	1,000.—
Bank Stock	"	50,200.—
Lawrence Gas Co.		12,700.—
Cochico Co.		500.—
Boston & Albany Railroad		2,600.—
U. S. Bonds		10,000.—
Conn. & Passumpsic Rivers R. R. Bond		1,000.—
Cincinnati & Indiana R. R. Bonds		4,375.—
Burlington & Missouri 8 %		4,000.—
7 % "	Loring Fund	6,280.—
Illinois Grand Trunk R. R. Bond	"	990.—
Note & Mortgage of James Tecvan		5,000.—
Suffolk Savings Bank		4,730.37
Provident Institution for Savings		6,176.71
		157,552.25

Errors Excepted

Isaac C. Rice, Treas.

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The meeting was then adjourned but directly after the adjournment it was called together again to listen to a request from Sophronia Holton that she might receive Fifty Dollars the same always paid to the girls who had served their time in the Asylum. As Sophronia had never been bound to the House but only Kept here because there was no other suitable home for her the Managers did not consider that this money was in any way due to her; still as she had done considerable work while at the Asylum and had this feeling of being unjustly treated it was

Voted That Fifty Dollars be presented to Sophronia C. Holton as a gift from the Asylum. It was thought best to pay this money to Mr. Chapin the Head of the Blind Asylum in Philadelphia, in the hope that he would influence Sophronia in its expenditure.

A true record.

Attest — Mary Anne Wales.

November 1872

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday Nov. 26.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Nine Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss White and Miss Brown be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that a good account had been obtained of Mr. Stevenson as a steady, work-ing man. Permission had therefore been given to him to take his daughter Elizabeth.

Voted That this act is confirmed by the Board.

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Satisfactory accounts had been received of Mr. & Mrs. Blake both from Mrs. Hollingsworth and from people living in East Boston; Alice had therefore gone to her mother.

Mrs Adams had brought her little girl to the Asylum and the child had been admitted as it seemed a suitable case. Mrs. Adams had been left a widow when the child was only three weeks old, and her health was now failing from overwork. It was

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting Carolie Adams is approved by the Board.

Mr. Odell had found no child whom he cared to take.

Dr. Homans had said that Isabella must be very careful all winter; that she must not bend regularly in the School, neither must she sew steadily.

It was

Voted That Isabella's salary be continued.

The Judge of Probate had refused to appoint Mrs. Bartlett guardian to Mary Ellen Dame without notifying all the relations. Moreover Mr. Paine thought it would be an unwise step to take, as the Asylum had the right by charter to hold the child it was better to stand on that. Mr. Paine had written to Judge Ames not to appoint Mr. Dame guardian without notifying the Asylum. Mrs. Tabor, Mary Ellen's aunt, had been to the Asylum and was much liked by the Committee. She hoped soon to be able herself to offer a home to her niece.

After some discussion in regard to vacation it was decided that the house should be used for this purpose for a month, and that both the front rooms be used by Mrs Bartlett &

She may see fit.

A note was read from Mr. Bradley of the Children's Mission asking for the admission of three children named Walker. Their father was sick; their mother had worked in a factory to support her family of eight but had been out of work for twelve weeks and was unable to do so any longer. It was

Voted That these children be admitted.

The Treasurer reported that the $10,000. Insurance of the Asylum at the Mass. Mutual would expire on Dec. 1. Owing to the new charter required by this Company on account of their losses by the late fire it was not probable that a new policy could be obtained immediately. This matter was left in the hands of the Treasurer with instructions to see that the Asylum should not be left without an insurance of $20,000.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record — Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

December 1872

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

The Committee reported that the use of the dining room for recitations had proved an entire success and did not interfere with any other household arrangements.

Isabella Walker had been found by a

detective officer and had been taken to the Children's Mission. She had not yet been sent to a place, but one had been heard of in Connecticut which it was hoped would prove satisfactory.

Caroline, Martha and Abby Wasson had been admitted according to the vote passed at the last meeting.

One other child had been admitted. The mother was a Swiss woman who had been for some time in the Bridgewater almshouse. She could now go to service if the little girl could be disposed of. It was

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting this child is sanctioned by the Board.

Mrs. Bartlett had been ill with lung fever but was now better. Isabella had been taking care of her and had herself improved much in health.

Mrs. Bartlett would like a Singer Sewing machine to be used for cloth garments. It was now necessary to hire one for a considerable time and the purchase would be economical in the end. It was

Voted To purchase the machine in question.

A discussion followed as to admitting the friends of the children on the next Friends' Day, on account of the prevalence of Small Pox. It was finally

Voted That they be admitted as usual.

The children had been on Xmas Eve to Mr. Chaney's and on Xmas Day an entertainment had been brought to them by some of Dr. Robbins's Society which they

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much enjoyed.

Mrs. Quimby sent a letter complaining strongly of the bad conduct of Kitty Lafferty. It was evident from the letter that the place was an unfavorable one for the girl. It was accordingly

Voted That Mrs. Quimby be requested to return her to the Asylum.

The case of Eliza Smith was mentioned. She had been placed in the Newton School, as the relations who took her from the Asylum proved unfit for the charge. On the breaking up of this School the Children's Mission had found a good place for her in Easton with a Mrs. Gilmore. She was now uneasy in her place, wishing to join her brother who was at work in a factory. The Managers were unwilling to consent to this plan and it was decided that a letter be written to Mrs. Gilmore, expressing the desire of the Managers that Eliza should remain with her; also that a letter be written to Eliza in the hope that she might be made contented with her present situation.

Some statements regarding the Rowe property were made by the Treasurer. There was a house in Cambridge which the present ~~tenant~~ occupant would like to buy; there were also buildings at the North End, some quite dilapidated, some used for liquor shops and some of a more respectable class. No division of the property between the Asylum and the Old Ladies Home

December 1872 had yet been made. It was
Voted
That Mr. R. J. Paine Jr. be empowered to sell
deprived by Isaac F. Rowe
or lease any of the property ~~allotted~~ to the
Asylum according to his judgment.

The meeting was then adjourned.
A true Record.
Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Secy

List of girls who completed their apprentice-
ship during the year 1872.

Jane Raycroft. Doing well. Still lives with Mr.
Rowe who thinks much of her.
Elizabeth A. Leach. Steady, good girl; lives in
Boston with her mother.
Anna Herman. Very good girl. Supports herself as
a seamstress. Boards with Mr & Mrs. Badger with whom she served her time.
Mona Eberds. Married. Not Good.

Lucy Ann Thomson At Service in Saxonville.
Good girl.
Sarah E. White. Very good girl. Lives in S. Boston
with her mother. Earns her living in a shop.
Katharine Marini. Doing very well in the family
to whom she was bound.
Susan Ann Parker. With the family to whom she
was bound. Doing pretty well.
Sarah Mortimer. Been adopted very young. Has
not been heard from.
Eliza J. Jenkins. Married. Has a good husband
lives in Chelsea.

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Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Jany. 28

The meeting was held at the house of Mrs. Gardwin because one or two of the Children at the Asylum had taken the Variloid.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Mrs. Hale offered her Services as Committee for the month; as no other lady joined her and as on account of the Sickness at the Asylum little work could probably need to be done She agreed to take the month alone. It was therefore

Voted That Mrs. Hale be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported a very quiet month. A great deal of Sewing had been done. On Twelfth Night the Children had a particularly pleasant time. Miss Kirkland asked leave to take new a fortnight of her vacation. It was

Voted That her Request be granted provided it be convenient to Mrs. Bartlett.

Miss Brown reported that Isabella Walker had gone to an excellent place in Dorchester and that She had thus far done very well. Letters had been received from Mrs. Bartlett and Isabella from an account of the Condition of things at the Asylum. Annie Matthews had been removed to the Fever Hospital; Caroline Adams was to be taken there; and Mary Dame was so far recovered that removal was deemed unnecessary.

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Voted

These were apparently this year the only cases. It was

That all admission of the children's friends on the next Friends' Day be strictly forbidden and that Miss Ladd or some responsible person be stationed at the door to see that this order is carried out.

It was also thought best to urge Mrs. Bartlett to allow herself to be provided with some extra help and it was suggested whether the person who was now temporarily assisting in the sewing could not give up this special work and render general aid in the house.

Sales carefully had not yet been returned.

Mrs. Curtis suggested that the food at the Asylum did not seem to her suitable for the little children and asked whether some change for the youngest ones would not be desirable.

An application was received from Mrs. Armstrong of New Haven for a child to wait upon her. She preferred one without near relations. From her letter and from what was otherwise known of Mrs. Armstrong the Managers felt that it was just the place for Nelly Powers, who could be recommended in character but who was not strong enough for hard work. Of course however on account of the varioloid no further action could be taken at present; except to write & inform Mrs. Armstrong of the state of the case.

Good reports were received of Alice Holbrook and Mary Jenkinson.

The Committee to whom the subject of some extension of the Asylum work had been referred were not prepared with any report but the matter came up for general discussion. It

Jany. 1873 things were talked over, among others the having of a small house where Children could be taken at a low board and where also sewing might be taught to any of the girls in the Asylum or to any outside who might wish to learn. No definite plan however was formed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest— Mary Anne Wales, Secy

Feby. 1873 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday Feby. 25.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Brown be the Committee for the next month.

Mrs. Ware reported that there had been no further spread of varioloid and that Annie Matthews and Caroline Adams had returned from the hospital. Annie had become such a pet there that she had stayed on after her own recovery till her companion also was ready to be discharged. Mrs. Bartlett had needed no further help.

A young woman named Belle Clute had applied for the admission of her two little sisters. There was no mother and the father was so intemperate, that she found it very

Feby. 1873. hard to keep house for him. She could have an excellent place at Service in Dorchester if a home for the children could be provided. It would of course be necessary that the father should agree to sign the books. With this proviso it was

Voted That these two children be admitted if application be made again.

Another Case was presented of a child who had been under the care of the Children's Mission, both parents were living, the mother intemperate. It was

Voted That this matter be left for the Committee of the next month to decide after Consulting with Mr. Barry.

Mr. Bradley of the Children's Mission had also spoken about the admission of another child whose mother was dead and father intemperate.

A very nice place for a girl was offered in the family of Mrs. H. R. Potwin of Amherst. the place was highly recommended by Miss Hartland, who was well acquainted with the people.

Mrs. Potwin would like to take Nelly Powers, or, if She were previously engaged, Amelia Burpee. It was

Voted That one of these girls be bound to Mr. & Mrs. Potwin.

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Shute of Gloucester applied to take Emily Finn. Their recommendations were excellent. They had selected Emily in the Spring when She was in Jenny B. Nut and were Still very desirous of taking her. It was

Voted That Emily Finn be bound to Mr. & Mrs. Shute.

Voted That a clock be purchased for the Nursery Room.

Feby. 1873 Voted — That Miss. Bartletts Salary be increased to Six Hundred dollars.

Voted — That the Treasurer be empowered to Sign on behalf of the Asylum any papers necessary for the Settlement of the Rowe property and to receive the money.

Voted — That Miss Brown is requested to Confer with Mrs. Barry as to the work most necessary to be done in Boston for girls.

A report not very encouraging was received of Ann Sanborn.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record. Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Secy

March, 1873. Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, March 25.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted — That all bills be paid.

Voted — That Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Curtis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that none of the children proposed for admission at the last meeting had been brought.

That Lucy Ann Selby who had been voted in several months ago had been admitted.

That Emily Finn had gone to Mrs. Shute and was very contented thus far.

One child, Louisa Geist, had been admitted. Her father had been killed in the French and German war; her mother was

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living at service in a German family in Roxbury.

Voted That the admission of Louisa Geisel is sanctioned by the Board.

The mother of Mary Ann Flaherty applied to take her daughter. She had married again and was now Mrs. Duran. Mrs. Bartlett had visited her and thought that she seemed like a good woman and that everything looked comfortable in her home. It was

Voted That her request be granted.

A male foundling had been left at the Asylum door; it lived however only twenty four hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean of Taunton to whom Mary Justin had been bound wished now that she was eighteen to take Amelia Burpee. Mrs. Bartlett thought it would be an excellent place for Amelia. It was therefore

Voted That Susan Amelia Burpee be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Dean.

Mrs. Armstrong was found to have already provided herself with a girl, which left Nelly Powers free for Mrs. Polwryn.

A new stove and floor cloth for the dining room were talked of; these matters were left to the Committee for the next month.

Miss Brown reported that she had seen Mrs. Bally, who thought that nothing was so much needed in the City as a place where children could be taken at a low board.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest — Mary Anne Wales, Secy

April 1873 The monthly meeting of Managers was held on Tuesday April ~~8~~ 29.

All First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Nine ~~Elect~~ Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Mary Ann Fahester and Amelia Burbee had gone to their places. That two children had been admitted at Mr. Bailey's request; they had been legally given up to the Children's Mission; this Institution had not succeeded in finding places for them and could keep them no longer. They had been much neglected and much needed a good home. It was

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting these two children, Emma Nolan and Mary Elizabeth Noyes is sanctioned by the Board.

Katy Fahester was reported as still at Mrs. Dunbys, and Mrs. Dunby proposed transferring her to Mr. and Mrs. Pulsifer the same who had taken Celia McDonald. Mr. Pulsifer wished to take Katy on trial. The Managers did not object to this arrangement, but it was thought best that the Secretary should write and make a definite arrangement with Mr. Pulsifer as to the terms on which Katy could be taken.

Elfrida had taken a weeks vacation and with Miss Haviland's approval would like to take a second one now.

Voted That her request be granted.

Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Goodwin had both visited Henrietta Thomson at Miss Robbins' Hospital and could not give a good account of her behavior there. She was well enough to be

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removed, though not strong enough to do much work.

There was a prospect that her grandmother would take her, which seemed to be the best arrangement. If the grandmother should refuse to receive her it was decided that she must come back to the Asylum or be put into the Children's Mission, till Mr. Barry could hear of some place for her.

Mrs. Bartlett had been to Lancaster and seen Sarah Lambert, who was doing well and was going to live in Auburndale.

Mr and Mrs. Kingman who had taken Minnie Wilson on trial now desired that she should be bound to them. It was accordingly

Voted That Minnie Hope Wilson be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah A. Kingman.

Mrs. Tracy and Miss White were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

Voted That the Treasurer is empowered to invest in the new Shares of the Lawrence Gas Co. soon to be offered at par to the Stockholders.

Voted That Mrs. Bartlett be requested to provide meat once more and fish once more a week for the children, also that more frequent Changes be made in some of their underclothing.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Sears and Miss White be the Committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true Record.

Attest — Mary Anne Sears, Sec'y

May. 1873

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly Meeting, held on Tuesday, May 26.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Bullard and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Miss Robbins had had a great deal of trouble with Henrietta Thomson and Charlotte Grooms, a girl who was formerly in the Asylum. Communications between them and some young men in a boarding house lately had been detected; the girls were intractable and it was necessary to remove them. Charlotte had one to her mother. Henrietta's father wished to have nothing to do with her and her grandmother had not been heard from; she had therefore been placed in the Penitent Females Refuge at the South End. This seemed the right place for her, as they now take young girls who have not gone astray. Thus far she had done very well since her removal.

In Consideration of the length of time Henrietta had remained at Miss Robbins's Hospital it was thought proper that some gift be sent to the Hospital as regular board would not be accepted. It was therefore

Voted That the Sum of One Hundred Dollars be sent with a note to Miss Robbins.

May 1873 Mrs. Cunningham applied for her daughter Martha. She was thought to be a respectable woman and able to provide for her child. It was

Voted That her request be granted.

Mr. Beedman, a widower with five children known by Mrs. Bailey, wished to put a little girl into the Asylum. If he could do this and place his two little boys in the Farm School, he hoped out of his wages of $12. a week to pay the board of the two remaining children.

Voted That this little girl be admitted.

Mrs. Bartlett had visited Caroline Remington, Minnie Wilson, Mary Nickerson and Sarah Webber; She brought a good report from all of them. She had also seen Sarah Lambert, who was doing well at her place.

Maria Fisk had been married to a clerk at the Tremont House.

Miss Brown had at the request of the Managers made some inquiries as to the Hollis St. Sunday School; She reported that it seemed an excellent, well taught School and that the parish seemed much interested in the Asylum children.

A note was read from Mrs. Lyman, resigning her place at the Board as She intended the absent another Summer. It was unanimously

Voted That Mrs. Lyman's resignation be not accepted.

Some discussion followed as to a new nursery for the little children. It was finally

Voted That Mrs. Curtis, Miss Stone and Miss Brown be a Committee to consider this subject and report to the Managers at their next meeting.

Miss White reported that the

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Treasurer's books had been examined and found Correct.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record Attest Mary Anne Wales, Secy

June 1873

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, June 24.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Six Managers were present.

That all bills be paid.

Voted

That Miss Sotl and Miss McKeown Pine be the Committee for the next month.

Voted

The Committee reported that Emily Reeder had been admitted according to the vote passed at the last meeting.

A letter from Annie Brown had been taken in Subject to the approval of the Managers. Her mother after separating from the child's father had died; Annie was thrown on her aunt, who had been at first unwilling to give her up, but after having seen a little of the children Annie and afterwards at the Orphan Home, had finally decided to keep the boys. It was

Voted

That the admission of Annie Brown is Sanctioned by the Board.

Letty Burnett aged 4 was also presented for admission. Her parents were living at the West, but had given up their child several years ago and for three years

The Treasurer reported that She had money to invest. [illegible]

[illegible] to be consulted on [illegible] with her judgment and that of Mr. R. T. Paine.

A report was read from the Committee on the new nursery, but the meeting had been already [illegible] it was thought wiser to let it lie over till the next meeting. With the approval of Miss Slater, the only member of the Committee present, it was

to postpone the consideration of this subject till the next meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

Attest— Mary Anne Wales, Secty.

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting, held on Tuesday July 2d.

The First Directress, Secretary, Treasurer and Seven Managers were present.

Before proceeding to the public business of the meeting the First Directress desired that some notice should be taken of the death of Mrs. Bailey, which had occurred since the last meeting. The following votes were therefore read and passed.

That we have heard with deep grief of the death of our Second Directress, Mrs. Abbie Fearing.

That from her youth up, for more than

thirty years. She has, both as Manager and Directress, served the Asylum most faithfully, [illegible] interest in all its affairs.

That we shall miss very much her careful oversight, decided opinions and strong good Sense; and that we do this to express to Mr. Fearing our Sense of our loss, as well as our Sympathy with him in his severe affliction by sending him a Copy of these Votes.

Voted

That all Bills be paid.

Voted

That Mrs. Willard and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported several applications for the admission of Children. The first was that of Mary Jane Griffiths, who had no mother and an intemperate father; She was under the charge of an aunt who was at Service herself and very anxious that her niece should be placed here. She seemed a nice child. It was

Voted

That Mary Jane Griffiths be admitted.

The second child Annie Wilson was Scotch; her father was dead and her mother not able to support herself and her child from her earnings. It was

Voted

That Annie Wilson be admitted.

The third Child was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Barry, who were very anxious for her admission. Her father had been a soldier, but was not living; her mother was or thought herself very ill and had given up her

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daughter to the Mission. Mr. Barry did not consider the Mission a proper place for her and had Kept her for a time in his own house. She seemed like a good child although she had been much neglected, and Mr. Barry thought a much better place could be secured for her after a few months training at the Asylum. The only reason for not admitting her was that she was too old for the rules of the Asylum being eleven years old. In consideration of all the circumstances this was not thought to be a sufficient objection and it was

Voted That Lilian Anna Leavitt be admitted.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts of N. Cambridge have very desirous to take Ellen Welch. They would wait for her till autumn but it would be very inconvenient to them to do so. Mrs. Bartlett knew it to be an excellent place for a girl and it was accordingly

Voted That Ellen Welch be bound to Mr. and Mrs. James F. Roberts.

Elizabeth Russell had been much benefitted by her visit at the Asylum and had now gone to a place.

Mrs. Lunn had complained of Louisa Schlett and as Mrs. Bartlett did not think the place a good one for Louisa she was sent to the Asylum again. She had a prospect of an excellent place for her in Sturbridge at Mrs. Hyde, the sister of Mrs. Lunn who had given a most excellent home to Georgiana Noble. Georgiana was now grown up and promised to take a friendly interest in

[illegible] 1873. Louisa. The Managers felt that [illegible] a very desirable place for Louisa and it was decided that She should [illegible] Mrs. Bartlett could arrange with Mrs. Hake.

Miss Ladd had gone and her place was still vacant. Mrs. Hackett a person who was well known to Mrs. Bartlett's friends and whom She thought She should like, was very desirous of taking it. She had a little girl three years old whom She would wish to bring with her. She could not come till Sept., being [illegible] till that time. The Managers decided to wait for Mrs. Hackett. It was therefore

Voted To engage Mrs. Hackett to come to the Asylum as Head Nurserywoman on Sept. 1, at wages of $4.00 a week.

It was found that many difficulties attended the Committees plan for a new Nursery on account of the plumbing. A new plan was proposed by Mrs. Bartlett. This was to keep the present nursery as a sleeping room for the little children and to give them the room over the Managers' Room as a Day Nursery. The new woman was to sleep in this room and was to attend to the children at night. The great advantage of this plan was that it could be tried with little trouble or expense and if unsuccessful it could be given up and some other adopted.

A new toilet was needed; the present arrangement was both inconvenient and [illegible] on account of the filling of the vats and the noise. It was

Voted [illegible]

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best possible manner.

The Laundress petitioned for a four weeks' vacation.

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Miss Cadland had been obliged to go away on account of illness, a typhoid fever from which she was very slowly recovering. Her Sister had come to take charge of the School as her Substitute and everything had gone on quietly and smoothly.

The children had attended and enjoyed two pic-nics.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

August 1873 The usual monthly meeting of Managers was held on Tuesday Aug: 26th.

The First Directress and Six Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

[illegible] Committee for the next month.

Helen Welch and Louisa Schlott had both gone to their places.

Voted [illegible] in consequence of the [illegible] the working force of the House the Matron be allowed extra Salary for the month.

A letter was received from [illegible] ten years ago.

The new toilet had been put in and

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Leavitt refused to Sign the
her child.

that he should take
Bucket— &c.

It was proposed that Miss
should take the place of Second Directress
that Miss Alice Sohier should be invited
fill the place which was
Managers.

H. L. Brown for Secretary.

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Proceedings of the Members of the Boston
Female Asylum at their annual meeting
held on Tuesday Sept 30.

Rev. Dr. Robbins opened the meeting
with prayer, after which a choral was
Sung by the Children. The Rite of baptism
was then administered to those whose
names follow: Caroline E. Warren, Martha
Warren, Abby Warren, Lucy Gerry, Emma
Norton, Mary Elizabeth Noyes, Emily
Augusta Beedem, Annie Salmon, Lucy
Burnett Stanwood, Mary Jane Griffiths,
Alice Gertrude McElroy, Letitia McElroy.
After the Baptism the annual Report
was read by the Secretary

Report for the 73d Anniversary of the
Boston Female Asylum.

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We gather a larger family than usual to meet their friends on this 73d Anniversary of the Asylum. It is many years since our Matron has had as many as eighty two children under her care. Seventeen of these have come to us since last September. Their various nationalities put us in mind that we have an opportunity on a miniature Scale of imitating our Country and welcoming to a home with us the representatives of many peoples. The Asylum was originally intended for Boston children, but when we are asked to give a refuge to a little one whose father was killed in the French and German war, we are made to feel that we are part of the large family and glad that we can do a friendly office to any of its members, whatever they.

One of the new comers was almost a baby when a year ago last Spring her mother first asked a home for her in the Asylum. She waited several months till her little daughter had reached the age for admission, and then brought her to join her Elder Sister here. We have had so many "babies" the last year that the earlier observances have been the subject of considerable thought; we found that the Infant or Nursery was too small for School must have more air and light and room to run about, than had

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been provided when the room was built. It was impossible to foresee all the changes in the rooms and their needs as necessity required, and we are satisfied that the new building is a great improvement on the old one. Another change of a similar kind has been the fitting up of the little room adjoining the School-room as a recitation room. It was pronounced to be too confined quarters for even a small class both on account of the teacher and the pupils, and those who occupied it have been drafted off to one of the larger rooms. Perhaps an apology is needed for mentioning these small details; they are very small but as they conduced to the children's comfort and those who have met here today are the children's friends, the mention of them may not be out of place. No great changes have been made, but various small ones as to diet and clothing all with a view to secure to the children as large a stock of strength as possible, with which to begin their work in life and in some cases to make up for all they missed in their earlier years.

It may interest some to know that the old-fashioned industry of Hooking Rugs to which the Asylum children had once quite a reputation, has not this year been neglected and that we have put on the walls for sale a pretty collection of

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this year left - the Asylum for other homes,
nearly half of them girls to make themselves useful assistants - to their mothers.
We hope that - the others have secured permanent
~~homes~~ places like the term of their apprenticeships ends; for though transfers from
place to - place are at - times necessary because
some temperaments will fit - better into one
family and others into another, yet - the
best - girl will generally adapt - herself
to all places, and other things being equal
those must - always be a disadvantage in
changing. It - is not - well if it - can possibly be avoided - to increase the [illegible]
[illegible]
are now in places have been in most - cases
good.

We would acknowledge - the help which
is sometimes given us by our sister Charities -
the Children's Mission, in finding places for
some of the older girls whose case has not been
benefited Smooth. We have been able on our
part - to aid them in their work, and by a
friendly interchange of good offices, we may
claim a right - to inherit - the relations held
in former times by the Sister Churches, a name
now out of date and [illegible].

Of the ten girls for whose welfare the Asylum has this year voted to become legally responsible - by their [illegible]

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hard working and much valued head of our house. Suffered in the winter from a severe attack of fever, and hardly had she recovered, when her cares and anxieties were increased by the appearance of varioloid among the children. Immediate precautions were of course taken against the spread of the disease; these were successful and only [illegible] in no case very serious, two of the patients [illegible] where the fever became such a pet, that she remained after her recovery, till her companion also was ready to leave. The School has also been deprived for some months of the services of its head teacher, who has been ill.

[illegible] an old gentleman belonging to the North End, died, bequeathing his property after the death of his widow in equal shares to the Asylum and the Ladies' Home. Last winter Mrs. Rowe died, and the amount falling to the Asylum was estimated at about $12000. So considerable an addition [illegible] made the Managers feel the necessity of some addition to their work. Thought has been given to the subject, but no hasty decision can be made. It is more important to do the best thing than to take job speedily anything that comes to hand.

We have third year been deprived by death of the services of our

[illegible] Reverend [illegible]
[illegible] active a part as She was sent to do in her
[illegible] two [illegible] related [illegible] Temple. She [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible] more as seems [illegible] a marked
time; for [illegible] the last [illegible] of the last of rides
[illegible] as me. [illegible] twelve [illegible] years [illegible] more as [illegible]
[illegible] welcome [illegible] my [illegible] South and [illegible] reliance
[illegible] then I [illegible] to [illegible] my work at the [illegible]
May we, their Successors, be as faithful in all
[illegible] and [illegible] to the [illegible] handed
[illegible] us, as they were to theirs. And may our
[illegible] Sacred Institution [illegible] such [illegible]
counsels, enlarged views and sound Science.

May Three Weeks [illegible]

The note singing [illegible] the Children [illegible]
Prizes" were distributed as follows.

To	"Annie Eugenia Street	The [illegible]	$3.—
	" " "	from [illegible]	2.—
	Abby Jane Wilson	for [illegible]	2.—
	Inspired McCarly	" [illegible]	2.—
	Elizabeth Strain	" [illegible]	2.—
	Elizabeth [illegible]	" [illegible]	2.—
	Sallie A. [illegible]	" [illegible]	2.—
	[illegible] Parker	" [illegible]	2.—
	[illegible] E. Edwards	" [illegible]	2.—
	Elizabeth [illegible]	" [illegible]	2.—
	[illegible] [illegible]	" [illegible]	2.—
	[illegible] [illegible]	" [illegible]	2.—
	[illegible] [illegible]	" [illegible]	2.—
	[illegible] [illegible]	" [illegible]	2.—
	[illegible] [illegible]	" [illegible]	2.—
	[illegible] [illegible]	" [illegible]	2.—

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A Meeting was held this day, after
Prayer & some remarks were made by
Rev Mr. Edmund & Mr Hall the pro-
nounced the benediction and invited all
Subscribers present to adjourn to the Man-
sion Room & elect Officers for the ensuing
year. The following list was elected.

First Directress	Mrs. Otis Goodwin
Second Directress	Miss M. E. C. White
Treasurer	Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary	Miss Mary Anne Wales

Managers

Mrs Chas G. Hall	Miss Mary M. Stone
Mrs Charles Lowell	Mrs. Silas Willard
Mrs Philip H. Lewis	Miss E. C. Brown
Mrs. Chas Willard	Mrs. Caleb Strong
Mrs J. M. Bass	Miss Catherine M. Ellis
Miss Catherine Paine	Miss Alice de W. Lowell

Proceedings of the Managers

The First Directress, Treasurer Secretary and
Ten Managers were present.

That all bills be paid.

Voted Put Miss Paine and Miss Brown to the
Committee for the next month

The Committee reported that two
Orders Have Settled and Bills Have Been
had been submitted the payment of
Which Sums of Money had been Made
to be Collected as Fines and at Sales,
how Funds on Hand has been taken &c.

Voted

Voted

Voted

Voted

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Miss Howland had expected to resume her duties immediately, but her physician [illegible] if she did so, she had some fear of a few weeks in the mountains. Her sister who had taught during her illness was in need of rest; and as she would be probably needed some time longer to fill Miss Howlands' place, it was

Voted That a vacation of two weeks be granted

Mrs. Bartlett had been away for a few days with friends who had taken her to New York. She would like to take another vacation at Miss Howlands' selection from hers.

It was proposed that Dr. Homans should be asked to come to the Asylum for the purpose of examining Ida Swifts' palate and ascertaining whether something might be done to assist her in talking [illegible] dentures. Some alterations were proposed.

Voted That Mrs. Ware, Miss Paine and Miss Wales be appointed a Committee to consider this matter and report at the next meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned

Wm. Amos Wales Secretary

Oct: 1873

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday Oct. 28.

The First Directress, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

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Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Hale and Miss Schier be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mr. Hess a Scotchman applied for the admission of two motherless girls. They had been at the Temporary Home as long as they could be kept there. The only objection was that one of the Sisters was older than our usual age for admission but the father did not want them separated and they seemed to be very good children though they had been much neglected.

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting Sarah and Jane A. Hess is sanctioned by the Board.

Miss Parker had applied for the admission of a child belonging to one of the nurses at the Infant Asylum. The mother was married but had been deserted by her husband before the birth of his child. She was confined in the Asylum. The little girl, whose name was Julia Hersey was not yet three years old, but as Mrs. Bartlett did not object it was

Voted That She be admitted.

Mrs. Broad, an Englishwoman applied for the admission of her little girl. She had been deserted by her husband and was obliged out of her earnings to pay the board of a baby six months old. She could not therefore afford to support her other children. Two were

Voted That Madeline Alice and Edinchall Emma Broad be admitted.

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Mary Tenenham had gone to Newington, Mrs. Cunningham Col. Morton and Louise Hunt & Mrs. Goodale.

Dr. Homans had examined Lenny McGuire and wished her to remain in a reclining position till Jany; he said she would then need a machine to assist her in walking. Dr. Homans decided that nothing could be done for Ida Swift at present.

Mrs. Bartlett brought a card from Ellen Craddock, and one from Ida Parsey to Amelia Burpee in Canton, where she had stopped on her return from a visit to Fall River. Ann Sanborn reported well at work, but was beginning in other ways to give trouble to Mr. Dean. Ida Burpee was reported back at work. Louisa Schlott was doing very well with Mrs. Drake.

Mrs. Gardner reported that Henrietta Thompson was doing very well at the Refuge.

Miss Harland was not better and could return to her work next week.

The Committee had visited the Winthrop School in order to ascertain whether the children in the Asylum were as far advanced as those in the Public Schools. They were satisfied that in most of their studies they were up to the average.

The Committee suggested that it would be well for the ladies when they visit the School on Saturday to visit the sewing

Oct. 18th The Visitor to be heard.

Lydia Hapgood wished to have her wages raised. It was

Voted That She be paid $3.00 instead of $2.50 a week.

Mrs. Bartlett presented to this Board the Visitors Tablet.

Mrs. Bartlett thought it desirable to furnish an outfit of clothes to Charlotte Sayles, an incapable girl who had been bound to Master & Mistress and had since been turned off by them. She could not go to a place if she could have a Supplie of clothes. This matter was left to the Committee for the next month.

Mamy Barker had been very ill with croup.

The Committee on Indentures reported that it was thought best that a new set should be printed, substantially the same as the old ones. It was therefore decided to do this.

Voted That Mrs. White & Mrs. Lacey be appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's Books.

Treasurers Report - Oct. 23, 1873

Cash on hand Oct. 23, 1872 7315.15

Received Interest - Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co. 260.-

" " " Appleton Fund 65.-

" Dividends Bank Stock 5,05.50

" " Lawrence Gas Co. 1,48.-

" " Boston & Albany R.R. 260.-

" " Burlington & Missouri R.R. 292.61

" " Lowell R.R. 145.25

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Received	Dividends	Fitchburg R. R.	38.—
"	"	Cachees Co.	100.—
"	Interest	U. S. Bonds	600.—
"	Premium	on gold	82.12
"	Interest	Railroad Bonds	1482.50
"	"	Mortgage	375.—
"	Int. & Subscriptions		174.—
"	Rents	from Rowe Estate	286.87
"	Interest	on mortgage Rowe Estate	25.76
		Income for the year	13,021.61
"	5 shs.	interest & extra div. Suffolk Savings Bank	5,803.74
"	Cash	from Rowe Estate	751.30
"	Proceeds	of Sale of Rowe Estate in Cambridge	2,251.31
"	Proceeds	of Sale of Warrants of Cam. Hyde P.R.	14.57
			29,430.64

Paid	for	Provisions	3433.98
"		Salaries & Wages	2987.98
"		Orders to Matron for the use of the Asylum	100.—
"		Clothing	1812.19
"		Furniture	753.26
"		Repairs	227.97
"			141.11
"		Incidental Expenses	845.17
"		Fuel	903.22
"		Rates	71.—
		Expenses for the year	12,534.77
"		Dividend Reserve	400.—
"	Investment	Mass. Mutual Fire Ins. Co.	320.—
"	"	Lights Loudonville Gas Co.	20.—
43	Shares	New York Gas Co.	4,300
$4,000		Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 7 p.c. Bonds	4,093.75
		interest on the same 11 days	14.96

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Received Myers' Commission on the purchase of [illegible] $ 5.

" Adjustment of interest in exchanging Conn. & Passumpsic Bonds 11.67

Cash deposited in 1st Boston National Bank 29,414.00

29,430.67

Stock Account—

Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co.	40,000.—
" " " " Appleton Fund	1,000.—
Bank Stock	30,200.—
Lawrence Gas. Co.	17,000.—
Cocheco Co.	500.—
Boston & Albany R. R.	2,600.—
Burlington & Missouri R. R.	4,000.—
Lowell R. R.	630.—
Fitchburg R. R.	910.—
U. S. Bonds	10,000.—
Conn. & Passumpsic Rivers R. R. Bond	1,000.—
Concord & Claremont R. R. Bond	4,375.—
Portland & Missouri R. R. Bonds, Sinking Fund	[illegible]
Illinois Central Bank R. R. Bond	[illegible]
Chicago Burlington & Quincy R. R. Bonds	5,973.75
Note of Widow of James Lawrence	5,000.—
Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	14,130.54
" " Provident Institution for Savings	6,176.71
	152,306.00

Statement of the Property held by James Lawrence under the Will of Amos Lawrence, and by him at the death of Mrs. Lawrence has left [illegible] to the Boston Lunatic Asylum.

Est. of Mr. 3

Estate of the land is follows

#364 North St. taxed for		4500.—
Vacant land rear of #364 North St.		400.—
#366—8 North St.	" "	7500.—
#2 Hanover Avenue	" "	2200.—
Vacant land 5 Powers Court	" "	700.—
" " attend'g "	"	2000.—
		17,300.—
Estate in Cambridge valued at		3,500.—
2 Shares Lowell R. R.		1,300.—
13 Shares Fitchburg "		1,950.—
7 " Lexington & Wt. Cambridge R. R.		
Cash Considered worthless		1,370.60
		23,420.60

Division of Rem Estate

Personal Estate received from Mr. Barnes

2 Shares Lowell R. R. valued at	1300.—
13 " Fitchburg " " "	1950.—
Cash	1370.60
	4620.60

To Boston Female Asylum		To Home for Aged Women	
1 Share Lowell R. R.	$630.—	1 Share Lowell R. R.	650.—
7 " Fitchburg "	910.—	7 " Fitchburg "	910.—
Cash	751.30	1 " at market price	132.—
		Cash	619.30
	2311.30		2311.30

4622.00

Being Trustee's balance of $4620.60 + 2.00 gain on 1 Share Fitchburg R. R.

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The Estate in Cambridge was Sold for 4,500.
Rec'd for value of policy of insurance 10.62

4,510.62

Paid recording 2 deeds .70
" Copying " .90
" C. H. Saunders appraising estate 5,— 5.—

4,502.02

The 7 Shares Lexington & West Cambridge R.R.
were Sold at 5— per Share 23—

4525.62

To Bal. Income Account To Fund for Old Farm
$2268.81 $2268.81 4525.62

The Asylum has thus Received

1 Share Lowell R. R.
7 " Fitchburg " "
Cash 3010.11

½ the estates at the North End
which are Still undivided.

Errors Excepted
Sarah C. Paine, Treasurer

This Report having been accepted the meeting adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Secy

Nov. 1873

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Nov. 23.

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted Sal - Mrs. Inman and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that several of the children had been ill, though all were now better. The Laundress also had been sick. During the sickness in the house Mrs. Bartlett had not been able to go out as she had proposed and she declined now waiting for her vacation till Spring.

Mrs. Andrews had given Lucy Clafflin $2 00 at the expiration of her apprentice-ship but had not decided to visit a Boston until fall of Winter. It was thought best for the Secretary to write to Mrs. Andrews concerning this.

Complaints had been made of Fanny McGuire, also of Helen Holch; in the latter case the trouble was not serious.

A good account was received of Abby Smith; Mrs. Andrews would like to keep her after her apprenticeship if she would stay.

Three children had been away from the Asylum, but had returned after about an hours absence.

Lands Road, now twenty-three

Nov. 1873. years old, had come to the Asylum, bringing a good account of herself and the Sister, who was now married.

Miss Howland was at work again, but did not seem strong.

The meeting was adjourned.

A true Record.

Attest — Mary Anne Hales, Sec'y

Dec. 1873 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Ballard and Miss Stiles be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that the month had been a very quiet one.

A Seamstress had been employed for a few weeks, as sewing & the children being much occupied with mending, the sewing had fallen behindhand.

Julia McDonald had been troublesome and Mrs. Bartlett wished that some place could be found for her. Mr. Wiggin, who had always been interested in Julia, thought he knew of a family who would take her, but as he had not been heard from lately, it was thought that the Committee for the next month would need to take some further measures in regard to a place.

Mrs Bartlett wished that some hospital room could be arranged, where the children could be isolated in case of any contagious disease. A room in the attic was mentioned, which by altering a

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position might be made to serve this purpose.
Voted That this matter be left to the Committee for the month & that the Carpenter be asked to consult with Mrs. Bartlett with regard to it.

An application for the her children was received from Mrs. Scott; formerly Mrs. [illegible].

The Committee for the month were requested to obtain all possible information as to the Scotts character and circumstances and to report at the next meeting.

Isabella Fairbrn had been very poorly. The children had a good Thanksgiving, & had attended two fairs. Forty eight had been to the Hollis St. festival at Christmas, and a few of the older girls had been to Gloucester St, the younger children had enjoyed ice cream and Cake at home; it had not been convenient to arrange a tree for them.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.
Voted That all bills be paid
Voted That Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Wilbred be the Committee for the next month.

Mrs. Curtis had served instead of Miss Stover the last month.

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The Committee reported that the new Room now making in the attic would be large and Comfortable.

The Children had enjoyed a pleasant Twelfth Night.

Mrs. Carney, a woman apparently very poor, who had been deserted by her husband, had requested the admission of her little girl. Mrs. Bartlett had thought the case so urgent that she had taken the child subject to the approval of the Board.

Voted That the admission of Ellen M. Carney is confirmed by the Board.

The Committee stated that Ellen's appearance had improved wonderfully during her stay in the Asylum.

Mrs. Scott's desire to take her children was mentioned. The Board decided that it would be best for Eugenia to stay with Mrs. Coolidge and for the others to remain in the Asylum for the present. The Secretary was requested to make this decision known to Mrs. Scott.

Mrs. Drake who had taken Louisa Schlett, of whom she gave an excellent account, had applied for a girl for her sister, Mrs. Perry. Georgianna Lang had been selected, it was thought however that Mrs. Perry might prefer Elizabeth Service. It was therefore

Voted That Mrs. Perry has permission to take which ever of the two girls ~~whom~~ she may prefer.

Mrs. Fiske a widow with four children desired to put a little girl into the Asylum. She had been in one of the Roman Catholic institutions and had there suffered from

neglect. She had been taken to the Childrens Hospital and was now well, but the Mother very naturally objected to her going back to the R. C. Institution. The little girl was either two years & a half or three years old. These circumstances being heard, it was

Voted That Ellen Kirby be admitted.

Mrs. Cameron applied for the admission of two children. She had lost her husband by Small Pox and had supported her family by Sewing machine work; this she was now compelled to give up on account of poor health. Mrs. Cameron was believed by Mrs. Hackett to be a very worthy woman. It was

Voted That Martha M. and Ida Cameron be admitted.

Mrs. Jones, a woman employed in the Infant Asylum, wished the admission of her daughter, Minnie. She had been deserted by her husband and her wages were not sufficient for the support of this child. Voted that Minnie Jones be admitted.

A good account had been received of Henrietta Howe, now eighteen years old. She had received her Fifty Dollars and would probably remain with Mrs. Shaw.

Good Reports were also received of Alice Holbrook and Helen Welch.

Julia McDonald had been taken by Mr. Crocker of Falmouth, a friend of Mr. Wiggin.

Mrs. Bartlett would like the assistant Seamstress to stay longer, an arrangement

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which the Board approved.

Mrs. Curtis suggested that more iron bedsteads were wanted and that for the youngest children some small ones should be purchased. The matter was left with the Committee for the month.

Mrs. Goodwin stated that Mr. Greenleaf, the uncle of Henrietta Thomsen who lived in Brownfield Maine had been in Boston and wished to take Henrietta home this family. It seemed such a desirable arrangement that Mrs. Goodwin had given her consent; of this the Board approved. It was

Voted That the Sum of Fifty Dollars be presented by the Asylum to the Bethesda Society, as a consolation for the care bestowed on Henrietta.

The meeting was then adjourned Mary Anne Wales, Secy

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Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday Feby. 24.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Brown be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Ellen Tibbe had not yet been brought to the Asylum as she was not at present well enough to be discharged from the Children's Hospital.

Mr. & Mrs. de Rochemont had decided to take Elizabeth Powell.

Mrs. Connell, a widow woman who

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husband had died in Consumption after four years' illness, leaving her in debt, had brought her two little girls to the Asylum. She could not — at first — make up her mind to give them up for the necessary time, but had finally decided to do so. It was accordingly

Voted That Margaret and Frances Sophia Scannell be admitted.

Iron bedsteads, some of them Small ones, had been purchased.

The Secretary applied for the admission of Louisa Wagner, a Sister of Emma Wagner. The child was living with Relations who were unfit to have the Care of her and who were now desirous of ridding themselves of the charge.

Voted That Louisa Wagner be admitted.

Good Reports were received of Katy Lafferty, Mary Jenkinson, Emma Finn, and Ellen Craddock.

The Treasurer had been asked to speak to Mr. Sketon in regard to the paying of pew-rent by the Asylum for the pews occupied by the children. She had done so and had found that the Society of Hollis St. Church would be pleased to receive money from the Asylum, although they had not felt willing to demand it. Voted that the Secretary write and request a bill for pew rent to be sent in to the Asylum.

The Committee for the next month were requested to pay particular attention to the affairs of the School and to report at

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the next meeting.

The Managers had some discussion as to adding a distinctively religious element to the system, as they had been informed that some home for children two old for the Infant Asylum and too young for this institution was greatly needed. It was not however thought advisable to add so much to Mrs. Bartlett's cares, as such a plan would involve. It was finally decided that Mrs. Austin & Mrs. Faulkner be a Committee to visit the Home of the Infant Asylum as soon as convenient to 10 A.M. mentioning their wants.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, March 31.

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and seven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Sears and Miss Shier be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Louisa Hayes had come and Ellen Kirby had been received and seemed very young and feeble perhaps may be early reflect.

Several children had been taken in Subject to the approval of the Board. Managers. One woman was the daughter of a woman who had been taken out by the Committee and

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who could earn only three dollars a week; to do this she was obliged to leave the little girl locked up or out of doors, a course of treatment which had naturally made her very wild.

Mary Ann Kinsella had been brought by her grandmother who appeared to be a worthy woman but quite old and unable to take care of her daughters children. The mother of the child was very poor and after many misadventures was now lying very ill in a hospital in Cincinnati and was ready to approve of any arrangement for her little girl that the grandmother might think best.

Esther Valentine Wiggin was the child of a woman whose intemperate husband had deserted her; a younger sister was under the care of the Mass. Infant Asylum, and the mother was near another Confinement.

These cases having been heard it was

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting these children is sanctioned by the Board.

Mrs. Rawes offered to take Sarah and Minnie. She was a Methodist herself by birth. Their mother was the husband had been dead for several months. The same Missionary who had visited the Asylum to take the children now Recommended that the mother be allowed to have them. It was

Voted That they be placed under their mother's care for the present at least.

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Mr. [illegible] Rickers [illegible] in Tiller Boy [illegible] child for [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a girl [illegible] him and his wife after the term of her apprenticeship. [illegible] but it was thought desirable to hear more about his wife. It was therefore

Voted That the Committee [illegible] authorized [illegible] Mr. [illegible] of Mrs. Ricker is obtained.

Mr. & Mrs. John T. Prince of Boston applied for Georgianna Conn. They also preferred a child without parents. As it was thought an excellent place by the Managers, it was

Voted That their request be granted.

Elizabeth Dowell had gone to her place and was at first very homesick. Julia McDonald was doing very well in Biddeford, and accounts had also been received of Amelia Burgess. Elizabeth had taken a fortnight's vacation and Miss Ford was wished to take a fortnight.

Especial attention had been paid to the rooms and the progress of the children was considered satisfactory. Miss Ford decided to begin History with some of the older girls. [illegible] already well [illegible]

The laundress thought her work too hard and wished [illegible]

Voted That her request be not granted and that her services be dispensed with.

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who could earn only three dollars a week; to do this She was obliged to leave her little girl locked up & out of doors, a course of treatment which had naturally made her very wild.

Mary Ann Rounds had been brought by her grandmother who appeared to be a worthy woman but quite old and unable to take care of her daughters children. The mother of the child was very poor and after many misadventures was now lying very ill in a hospital in Cincinnati and was ready to [illegible] for the child to be with her if possible. It was best.

Voted

Celia Valentine Wife was the child of a woman whose intemperate husband had deserted her; a young child was under the care of the Mass. Infant Asylum, and the mother was near another Confinement.

These cases having been heard it was That the act of the Committee in admitting these children is confirmed by the Board.

Mrs. Graves applied to take Sarah and Minnie. She was supporting herself by keeping a lodging house & her husband had been dead for several months. The Same Missionary who had wished the Asylum to take the children now Recommended that the mother be allowed to have them. It was

Voted

That they be placed under their mother's care for the present at least.

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Mr. John L. Ricker a teamster and farmer in Milton Mass. applied for Ellen Ryan and he had been to the Asylum and preferred Ellen as being an orphan, because he wished a girl who would be taken [illegible] him and his wife after the term of her apprenticeship. His recommendations were very good but it was thought desirable to hear more about his wife. It was therefore

Voted That the Committee for the month are authorized to bind out Ellen Ryan and to Mr. John L. Ricker, provided a satisfactory reference of Mrs. Ricker is obtained.

Mr. & Mrs. John T. Prince of Boston applied for Georgianna Conn. They also preferred a child without parents. As it was thought an especial place for the Magdalen [illegible]

Voted That their request be granted.

Elizabeth Dowell had gone to her place and was at first very homesick. Julia McDonald was doing very well in Barnstable, good accounts had also been received of Amelia Burpee.

Elvida had taken a fortnight's vacation and Miss Ford and was wished to take a fortnight.

Especial attention had been paid to the rooms and the progress of the children was considered satisfactory. Miss Ford desired to be in Boston with some of the girls who were already well settled in Service.

The Committee thought her wish be not granted and desired higher wages. It was

Voted That her request be not granted and that her services be dispensed with.

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Miss Neale had been absent a few days, and it was thought desirable that for the future all absences for more than one day should be counted out of the vacations.

Voted That new tubs be set in the laundry and alterations made in the windows if necessary.

A portrait of Mrs. Abigail May, one of the early Managers and friends of the Institution, had been received from her grandson, Mr. Edes. Mr. Edes stated that his aunts, the Misses May, had desired this disposition of their mother's portrait to be made at their decease. It was

Voted That the Executive Committee be authorized to accept the donation.

Mrs. Warren brought her daughter Alice to the Asylum. Her husband had been sentenced for several years to the State's Prison, and she hoped to obtain a divorce. She had had work to support herself by rent-making.

Voted That Alice Warren be admitted.

Miss Paine reported that Eliza Smith had lost one place but had obtained another through Mr. Bally.

Mrs. Bullard had seen some of the Ingersoll Managers and learned that a plot would be supplied if some home for children between two and three years old were provided.

After some talk it was

Voted To try the experiment of boarding such children whose mothers would comply with our terms, in suitable places. And that the

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Girls who completed their apprenticeships between Dec. 1872 & Dec. 1873.

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Some time:
Mary Gaskell: With her mother. Not heard from lately.
S. Alice Holbrook. Good girl; with her [illegible] Aunt; Doing well.
Mary P. Kirk. Living at Winchester. Good girl.
Lucy Claffee. Living out at Assonet. Doing well.
[illegible]
[illegible] Newtonville.
[illegible]
Mary Foster. Living in Taunton. Doing nicely

April 1874 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, April 28.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present:

The Committee reported that Georgiana Conn had gone to Mrs. Prince, who at first feared that She could not get on with her; Georgiana had improved that. It was decided to ask Mrs. to keep her a little longer [illegible] Indentures.

Mrs. Ricker was found to bear an [illegible] and Ellen Copeland had therefore gone to Allen Bay according to the [illegible] passed at the [illegible]

Mrs. Graves had taken her Children [illegible]

Mrs. Hosier was the mother of a little girl two years old and of a baby in the Infant Asylum. The former She wished to place under the Charge of the Asylum. It was decided to part her Parents and to have the board of the little girl till She should reach an age Suitable for admission.

That Miss Schick take Charge of this Child who was already in a bad boarding place.

Mrs. Whiting had applied for the admission of two of her brothers Children. He had come from Canada with a large family hoping for better work. Soon after his wife died and [illegible] Some of the elder Children were earning their own living, he found it impossible with his present amount of work to do more than pay the board of his little boy. [illegible] to be admitted.

Mrs. Mary [illegible] application for

She had been deserted by her husband a dissipated man; since then she had apparently been partly supported by Charity. This case was left to the Committee for the next month, that something more might be learned of Mrs. Kennedy.

Mr. Babb of Strafford N. H. would like to take her. The Committee for the next month were requested to make further inquiries about the place and to allow Helen to go if they thought best.

Nancy had gone and a new laundress had been engaged, who had been here about ten days. She was a Swede, very neat and had thus far done very good work.

The house was reported as not looking quite so nice as usual.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy & Miss White be absent

Voted That bills be paid

Voted That Mrs Stone and Miss Ellis be the committee for the next month.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A true record.

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May 1874

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, May 26.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Helen Welch had gone to Mr. & Mrs. Bartlett.

That Elizabeth Service had gone to live with Mr. & Mrs. Lombard, an excellent place recommended by Mrs. Goodwin. They were thus far well pleased with Elizabeth.

Mary Eleand and Lucy Amelia Hawthorne had come and seemed nice little girls.

Very little could be ascertained about Mrs. Kennedy, though many inquiries had been made. She was evidently very poor and the child had been taken in.

Isabella Fairborn who had been ill so long had died during the month. She had requested to be buried in Tacoma and this had accordingly been done. Mrs. Bartlett had gone to Tacoma on this account and had been absent several days; during this time Mrs. Hackett had taken very good care of the house and family.

The Committee were not entirely satisfied with the School lessons. It was

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Bean be appointed a Committee to methodize the School and house work, especially with reference to the older girls who were often called out of School for household duties.

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Mrs. Constantine, a sister of Mrs. Cummings, applied for the admission of her little girl. She had been deserted by her husband and left with two young children near her third confinement. The little girl was only three years old, but as Mrs. Bartlett was quite willing to take her, it was

Voted That Christine Constantine be admitted.

Voted That fifty dollars be presented to Mrs. Bartlett in consideration of extra services performed during Isabella's illness.

Also that fifty dollars which would have been due to Isabella from January to April if her health had allowed her to go on with her work at the Asylum, be divided amongst several members of the household ^ for kindly taking care of the adopted, upon whom extra care had devolved.

Several of the Ladies expressed a desire that a lot should be purchased for the Asylum in some neighboring Cemetery and that there be no more interments in the tomb at the South End. Mrs. Goodwin was asked to make inquiries about Cedar Grove where a lot for the Old Ladies' Home had already been purchased.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Mrs. Bullard be the Committee for the next month.

At the request of the Treasurer the following vote was passed.

Voted That the First Directress and the Secretary be authorized to sell any or all of the parcels of land in Boston devised to the Asylum by the late Isaac F. Rowe and to execute and deliver deeds of conveyance in the name of the Corporation.

Adjourned. Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

June 1874

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on June 30.

The Treasurer, Secretary and Five Managers were present.

In the absence of the two Directresses Mrs. Sears presided.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Stark and Miss H. Rice be the Committee for the next month.

Mrs Brown reported that the difficulty about the Edes girl 'remaining in School had been remedied since the coming of the new laundress, and that they were now perfect in their attendance.

Mrs. Lyman reported that Mrs. Bartlett had wished for a new parlor carpet which had been bought; other articles had also been purchased, including Comforters and a Rake.

Two Children had been admitted. Annie Bell was the child of a widow who had supported herself by letters in rhyme. She was very ill and Miss Tuttle & the Hospital. Frances Dabelli, an Italian child, was the daughter of a woman who could speak no English. Her husband was engaged in the fish trade in Venice and had left her with five children. She could take out one of her children, but not this one.

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting these two children is approved by the Board.

June 1874 Voted That if the Committee think best Obadiah Strain & Wrongfed McCarter shall be boarded in the country, but being in delicate health.

A little girl two years old had been left to board outside the Asylum. Her name was Hannah, her mother was dead and her father, earning only small wages was unable to support his large family.

Voted That this child shall be under Miss Peet's care for the present.

Mrs. Bartlett had gone away for a few days during the month, but had had no time to visit the Asylum. It was thought desirable that she should do as much of this visiting as possible during the summer.

Sophronia Miller had been on a visit to the Asylum.

The children had been to a picnic at Silver Lake with Hollis St. Society and had behaved very well. They were invited to another by the Grove St. Society.

The family was now very large, there being 94 children.

An account of Ellen Donovan was received from Mr. Sanborn and all settled satisfactorily.

Mrs. Bullard & Mrs. Lyman had looked at lots at Cedar Grove, and found three which they thought suitable. The price was 50 cts. per sq. ft. much cheaper than the other Cemeteries and the cost of keeping the lot in order would be $10 a year.

Voted That $1 per sq. ft. at Cedar Grove be purchased for the Asylum for the lot which the Board preferred

Adjourned

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July 1874

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, July 28.

The First Directress, Secretary and Six Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Sears be the Committee for the next month.

A Lot at Cedar Grove had been selected by Mrs. Bullard.

Elizabeth Strain and Winifred McCarty had come into the Country.

Mr. Kennedy had applied and claimed his little girl who had been put into the Asylum in the Winter. Mr. Kennedy acknowledged that he had deserted his wife whom he accused of drinking badly. The Committee had made inquiries about Mr. Kennedy and had found that he was drunk. It was thought best to ask the opinion of Judge Ames in this case and the matter was left for decision.

Mr. & Mrs. Dodson applied for Isabella Walker who had left the place provided for her by the Children's Mission and had gone to live with them. Mr. Bennet with whom she had been placed to accompany her mother to Quincy was present. Mr. & Mrs. Dodson bore excellent testimony, and the only objection was that they seemed acquainted with Isabella's mother. Under the circumstances however it was thought best that she should remain with them. It was therefore

Voted That Isabella Walker be bound to Mr. and Mrs. Dodson.

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Mrs. Bartlett was much [illegible] Mrs.
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girls were brought [illegible] Mrs Bartlett
had visited them [illegible]
Adjourned

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August 1874

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Aug. 25:

The First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Seven Managers were present.

That all bills be paid.

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That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Marianne Paine be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Combs was willing to try the place of Assistant-Matron for three months at the Salary mentioned at the last meeting.

Judge Ames had not been found; but Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy had both agreed to place this child in the Roman Catholic Asylum, known as St. Vincent-de Paul's. Mr. Kennedy engaged not to remove her without the Knowledge of the Managers and of her mother.

Complaint having been received of Georgiana Lacy Mrs. Bartlett had visited her and found Mr. & Mrs. Rose Rubin a Jewish. Not considering this a suitable place for a girl Mrs. Bartlett had brought her back. Mrs. Hooker, her mother, had since come from Nevada and insisted on having her child. She appeared to be in Seemed very Comfortable circumstances and as, though She seemed a peculiar woman, no harm was known of her, it was thought better to grant her request.

The old furnace was so much out of repair that a new one was recommended as more economical. If the purchase was made of Mr. Chadwick & Son- ould be allowed for the

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old system. It was after some talk decided to make this arrangement.

Two children named Hussey were spoken of who might be brought by their father.

Voted That the Committee be authorized to admit these children if the circumstances seem satisfactory.

Georgianna Conn had been returned to the Asylum.

A new edition of the little book called an Account of the Boston Female Asylum being needed and some revision being necessary, it was

Voted That Mrs. Gordon, Miss Paine & Miss Wales be a Committee to attend to this matter.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

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Proceedings of the Members at their Annual Meeting, held on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

The Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Robbins, who opened the meeting at quarter past ten o'clock with prayer. Singing by the children followed, after which the rite of baptism was administered to Sarah Alcott, Jane A. Alcott, Martha H. Cameron, Ida Cameron, Louisa Hyland, Mary Ann Howards, Alice Walden, Annie Bell, Ida Stephens, Mary Charlotte Leman.

The annual Report was then read by the Secretary.

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Report for the Seventy Fourth Anniversary of the Boston Female Asylum.

There is no need to tell you that our family is now a very large one; the room full of children who welcome you today speaks for itself. That now numbers ninety six, more than have ever been gathered here before. We must rejoice that so many have been entrusted to us, whom we may hope to guide and govern in the right way, but the immediate cause, connected most probably with the depression of all business and labor is a sad one. Month after month the record tells the story of women deserted by their husbands, and of widows worn out in health, who have sought a shelter for one or more of their little ones in the Asylum.

The number of admissions, not counting one who came and went in the course of a few months is twenty four, one twelve month never probably added so many before, and a large proportion have been of an age to find their place in the nursery instead of the School Room. Indeed the constant increase of the nursery department has been the occasion of much consideration to the Managers. These little children require in many ways so much care, that we should hardly have thought it right to add so much to the burdens of our Matron, had not her own kind

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ness of heart interceded in their behalf. In attending to the cases of these children we heard of others, younger still, in want of a home like this. We could not give it to them here, but the offered burden to use the surplus income which had been wanting to be spent in the wisest way seemed to have come. We decided to put such children as should be surrendered to us out to board, no matter how young they might be, till at the age of three years they could take their place in the household here. The experiment is only yet in its beginning; another year will probably show its success or failure, and we shall know whether the best way of using our money has been found. The great recommendation is that its failure would bring with it no trouble or loss; we are not involved in maintaining any separate establishment; if any number of very little girls need a home, and their friends are willing to give them into our care on the same terms as we take the older children, the plan that we have adopted must do good; it will also be a help to many excellent women who are glad by the board of a baby to eke out their small means. Great care will of course be taken that the boarding places be healthy and comfortable, and the nurses if they may be so called, women of too good character to ill treat in any way their little charges.

Compared with those who

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have been admitted, the number of girls who have this year left the Asylum seems small. Nine in all have gone, some to excellent places, in which we are confident that they will be happy and do well; some as usual to their friends. One mother, who gave her two little girls into our care, when unfortunate circumstances made it necessary for her to break up her family, came last winter with a report of better times. Her husband was now steady and at work, and they could offer the comforts of home to their children, who under the circumstances were allowed to go to their parents. It has happened this year, as sometimes before, that application has been made for a family with whom one of our girls has finished her term of apprenticeship for another to fill her place. In these cases we have been as much pleased with the families as they have been with the girls, so that the arrangement has been mutually satisfactory.

Thirteen girls ended their apprenticeships last December. A few among those who went to their relations have for some time dropped all communication with the Asylum, but most of them are seen or heard from more or less frequently, and we are glad to say nothing but good of them is to be told. One is married; one is dead.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of

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$3000 —, left to the Asylum by the late Mr. Daniel Hammond; also nearly $1000 — from the late Miss Elise de Rehbinde. Other bequests have been sometimes mentioned, in the daily papers, but these are all that have thus far been received by the Treasurer. Another pleasant gift is the portrait of Mrs. Abigail May, one of the early friends and first Managers of the Asylum. After the death of her daughters it was at their request sent to the Asylum, where it finds a fitting place among her contemporaries and fellow managers.

None of the children have died this year, indeed there has been little serious illness among them, but we have lost a member of the household much loved and valued by all, by the children as a respected and faithful teacher, by her companions and the Matron (to whom she was like a daughter) as a trusty Counsellor and friend. Coming here about sixteen years ago at the age of seven, she was connected with the Asylum during almost the whole of her short life. Her attachment to this home was strong, and when the time came for her to go among strangers, she preferred to be among those retained here in the house. Her duties were then as at all other times faithfully performed, and when five years ago the assistant teacher was married, all felt that Sabra was the one best fitted to fill the vacant place. It proved a wise choice; the children were

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earth, guided by her loving hand, and felt the influence of her good, pure character. It was a great loss when in the Spring of 1872 her health broke down. Summers among the mountains partly restored her strength, and though to her grief and disappointment her work in the School-Room was ended, She was long able to assist the Matron in many things, and to take from her much care and responsibility. Weak in body as She was few stronger people could have been so missed. Last winter her illness increased; in May She died, and in the warm Spring weather her earthly remains were laid to rest among the pleasant New Hampshire hills, which in her Summer vacations She had learned to love. In her days of Comparative health She had looked forward to an earthly home of her own, but her Master had higher work for her to do with Him. May her memory help all who knew her to live their lives as She lived hers!

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

After the report, the prizes were distributed by the children. Then the First Directress to those whose names follow:

To	Selina Edwards as the Most Deserving Girl		$3.00
"	& from the Appleton Fund		$3.00
"	Isidore A. Gordon	for Improvement	$5.00
"	Eliza E. Allard	for Improvement	$5.00
"	Augusta Hartmann	for Usefulness	$5.00
"	Laura Allen	" Good Deportment	$5.00
"	Margaret Sheedy	" Usefulness	$5.00

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To	Katherine Krasinski	for	Good Deportment	$3.00
"	Jennie Barker	"	Usefulness	$3.00
"	Louisa Geisel	"	Improvement	$3.00
"	Emma Wagner	"	Improvement	$3.00
"	Winifred McCarty	"	Usefulness	$3.00
"	Isabel McPherson	"	Improvement	$3.00
"	Adelaide L. Fisher	"	Improvement	$3.00
"	Annie Dennis		Good Conduct	$3.00

The children now sang again and addresses were made by Mr. Winckley, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Chaney and Mr. Bradley.

The benediction was then pronounced by Dr. Robbins and the Subscribers were requested to meet in the Managers' Room. There the following list of Managers for the ensuing year was elected.

First Directress — Mrs. Osias Goodwin
Second Directress — Miss M. E. C. White
Treasurer — Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary — Miss Mary Anne Wales

Managers

Mrs. Chas. E. Ware	Miss Abby M. Stone
Mrs. Theodore Lyman	Mrs. Chandler Robbins
Mrs. Philip H. Sears	Miss H. L. Brown
Mrs. Otis Bullard	Mrs. Greely S. Curtis
Mrs. F. M. Tracy	Miss Gertrude S. Ellis
Miss Marianne Paine	Miss Alice de T. Schiet

Proceedings of the Managers

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Seven Managers were present.

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Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Miss Marianne Paine and Miss Sohier be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that the furnace was in order and the necessary repairs made. The $50.00 allowed on the furnace was to the Asylum as a Charitable Institution.

Mrs. Constantine applied for her little girl. since She placed her in the Asylum She had been Confined in the Carney Hospital, had lost her baby and another Child, So that Harriet was the only one left there. She represented that She was to have some employment in the Hospital and that the little girl could be with her there. It was thought best before deciding this case to write to the Sister Superior and ascertain the exact facts.

Three Children had been admitted. The mother of the first, Mary Charlotte Leman, was working in a Saloon and the Child was left to run wild in the Streets. The Second Ida Stephens, was brought by her aunt, Miss White, who was going herself to Minnesota to earn her living and could not take her niece with her. The Childs' mother was dead; her father a worthless man, who spent his money in drink and did nothing for her support. The third, Mary Byrne was the daughter of a widow who could not take care of her; She had been kept at the Children's Mission as long as possible, and had been brought by Mr. Bailey to the Asylum.

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Voted That the admission of these Children is sanctioned by the Board.

Elizabeth Strain was reported better, but not yet able to return. She had required much care from Miss Lampreys during her illness, and it was decided to add to her board three dollars a week as remuneration for the nursing, making the whole Six dollars a week.

The case of Etta Simondsen was mentioned. Her mother had given her up to the Infant Asylum. She was now two years old and could no longer be retained under their care; they would therefore like to transfer her to that of the Asylum. She was in an excellent boarding place at the Highlands. It was

Voted That the Asylum accept the charge of this child and that the payment for the board and other necessary expenses be entrusted to Miss Schier.

Mrs. Allard made application for her daughter Eliza Ellen. She brought an excellent recommendation from Mr. Edmunds. Her plan was to take a room and with her daughters assistance do work.

Voted That Mrs. Allard's request be granted.

Miss Hooker, the Lady who had formerly taken Georgiana Noble now applied for Anna Walker.

Voted That Anna S. Walker be bound to Miss Lucetta M. Hooker.

Mrs. Coleman, a niece of Mrs. de Rochemont and recommended by her, would like to take Liddie Gordon.

Voted That Liddie Gordon be bound to Mrs. Coleman.

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Elfrida Strain proposed to be married in the course of a few months. The Managers decided that Lydia Hapgood should take her place in the School; and that Abbie Wilson, who was eighteen in August, should do the work in the nursery which Lydia had done, receiving $1.50 a week.

Minnie Wilson had been left by Mr. & Mrs. Kingman for several weeks in charge of the house with another young girl. There had been some disagreement and Minnie had run away, returning to the asylum. It was hoped that a daughter of Mrs. de Rochemont who lived near Niagara would be willing to take her on trial.

At Mrs. Bartlett's request it was
Voted That Margaret Sheedy be found to the house.

Christina the laundress had gone; a new one, Sarah McDonald had been engaged, who it was hoped would give more satisfaction.

Mrs. Bartlett thought there was now so much washing that it would be well to have an extra person engaged to come on Sunday. This matter however was left undecided.

Some doubt was expressed about the children continuing to attend Mr. Bradlee's Sunday School in the afternoon on account of the Concerts which sometimes took place. Miss Bloss was appointed a Committee to make more particular inquiries about this Sunday School.

The Committee appointed to revise the little book reported many of the by-laws obsolete, and asked whether it was best to print them

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afair in their present form. This matter was referred to the same Committee, with permission to omit such by laws as in their judgment were obsolete. Adjourned

Mary Anna Wales, Secy

Oct. 1874 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday Oct. 27.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Nine Managers were present.

The Committee reported that Lizzy Strain had returned from New Hampshire, much improved in health.

Mrs. Allard had taken her daughter and Miss Hooker Anna Walker according to the votes passed at the last meeting. Mrs. Constantine had been allowed to take Harriet as the Sister Superior at the Carney Hospital had written that she could be employed in the Hospital and had permission to keep her little girl with her.

A change in the arrangements of Mrs. de Rochemonts daughter and niece had been made, and Minnie Wilson had gone on trial to the niece Mrs. Colman, Eldora Eldon remaining in the Asylum.

Margaret Keady had been so troublesome since she had been in the service of the Home, that Mrs. Bartlett proposed her removal from this position. It was however decided to give her further trial.

Jenny McGuire was now able to sit up and to walk a few steps.

A few of the children had whooping

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Cough, but very mildly.

Mrs. Jennewein the aunt of Augusta Hartman made application to take her niece. The family was known to several of the Managers, and it was thought an excellent home for Augusta, the only objection being that the sleeping arrangements were more crowded than the Managers approved. It was

Voted That Mrs. Jennewein's request be granted, provided that a proper change in this respect can be effected.

The Clerk visited the kitchen walls repainted, they being now somewhat shabby. This matter was referred to the Committee for the next month.

Two children had been admitted, Mary Ann and Ellen Frances Trent. Their father had lately died, leaving a large family very poor. The mother, a very inefficient woman, was unable and unfit to have charge of them.

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting these two children is approved by the Board.

Elfrida's marriage had been hastened and was to take place in a few days. Mr. Hackett had already provided the wedding cake, and the Managers desired Mrs. Bartlett to order as much cake and ice-cream from the Confectioner's as would be an ample supply for the guests and for those in the house. It was also

Voted That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated

Oct. 1874 as a wedding present to Elfrida.

Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Goodwin were desired to purchase with this a set of China.

An excellent report of Elizabeth Service was received.

Miss Lamprey had been [illegible] pleased and surprised at the money received from the Asylum.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Ware and Miss [illegible] be the Committee for the next month.

Voted That Miss White and Mrs. Tracy are appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

The following report was then read.

Treasurer's Report. Oct. 10, 1874

	Cash on hand Oct. 25, 1873		5,117.99
Received	Interest Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co.	2,600.—	
"	" " " " Appleton Fund	63.—	
"	Dividends Bank Stock	4,969.50	
"	Taxes on Bank Shares refunded by the State	794.31	
"	Dividends Lawrence Gas Co.	1,700.—	
"	" Boston & Albany R. R.	260.—	
"	" Burlington & Missouri "	400.—	
"	" Lowell R. R.	37.50	
"	" Fitchburg	36.—	
"	" Cocheco Co.	100.—	
"	Interest U. S. Bonds	600.—	
"	Premium on gold	61.68	
"	Interest Railroad Bonds	148.—	
"	" Mortgage	375.—	
"	36 Subscriptions	168.—	
"	Rents from Rowe Estate	283.73	
	Income for the year		13,930.72

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		5117.99
		13950.72
Received	Legacy from Miss Elsie de Wolfe Lindal	87.50
"	" " Mr. Daniel Hammond	509.17
"	Dividend on policy of insurance in Mechanics Mutual Ins. Co. that expired Nov. 1, 1872	176.00
		19841.38

Paid	for	Provisions	3715.27
"	"	Salaries and Wages	2809.15
"	"	Orders to Matron for use of the Asylum	1070.00
"	"	Clothing	1441.17
"	"	Furniture	1024.20
"	"	Repairs	2111.68
"	"	Incidental Expenses	1227.14
"	"	Fuel	965.82
"	"	Board of little Children	106.50
"	"	Rent of Pews in Hollis St. Church	200.00
"	"	Pews	71.00
		Expenses for the year	14,741.93
"	"	Lot in Cedar Grove Cemetery	301.00
"	"	Reinsuring Asylum	100.00
"	"	Assessment Mechanics Mutual Ins. Co.	100.00

Cash deposited in 1st Boston National Bank 4,398.45

19,841.38

Stock Account

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	40,000.00
" " " " Appleton Fund	1,000.00
Bank Stock	30,200.00
Lawrence Gas. Co.	17,000.00
Cocheco Co.	500.00

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Boston and Albany R.R.	2,600.—
Burlington and Missouri R.R.	4,000.—
Lowell R.R.	650.—
Fitchburg R.R.	910.—
U.S. Bonds	10,000.—
Conn. & Passumpsic Rivers R.R. Bond	1,000.—
Cincinnati & Indiana R.R. Bonds	4,375.—
Burlington & Missouri " Bonds. Sinking Fund	6,280.—
Illinois Grand Trunk R.R. Bond	990.—
Chicago Burlington & Quincy " Bonds	6,693.75
Note & Mortgage of James Curran	5,000.—
Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	14,930.54
" " Provident Institution for Savings	6,176.71
	172,306.—

Errors Excepted

Sarah C. Paine, Treasurer.

This Report having been accepted the meeting adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

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Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers present.

1 Voted That all Bills be Paid

2 Voted That Miss Brown and Miss Schiel be the Committee for the next month

Mrs. Wm. Curtis was appointed to see Mr. & Mrs. Fennewein. Their Son's bill January 1st to be Audited. Paid

1874 mann, and Mr. Jennewein promised that suitable [illegible] should be made.

Isabella Warren had been sent for from [illegible] but her mother pleaded that she was dying. She had to all appearance been improperly prevented from returning by her mother & sister. After remaining a few days in her sister's house she had been found by a detective officer and was now at the Asylum. From Isabella's statements it was evident that on account of Mr. Dobson's character his house was no fit place for a young girl. For state: ment as this letter was sent to Miss Dobson from other sources it was

Voted That Isabella should not be sent again to Mr. & Mrs. Dobson and that her Indentures be Cancelled.

Several applications for the admission of children had been made. Mrs. Mary Collom, a widow twenty six years old, applied for the admission of her little girl Margaret and Martha. She seemed very respectable and thought she could get employment either at Oakland where her husband had worked or at Service. The youngest child would not be three years old till April and it was proposed to board her out till that time. This Arrangement was approved

Voted that Margaret and Martha Collom be admitted. Mrs. Eagles wished that her little girl should be taken in. She had been left a widow with Seven children, some of whom were living in the Provinces with her husbands relations, but she was obliged to do something towards defraying

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their expenses, and as Lydia was a little girl we could do no more than this. The little girl was at present in the Temporary Home. These circumstances having been heard, it was

Voted That Lydia Ann Eagles be admitted.

Two other little girls named Miller were at the Temporary Home hoping for admission to the Asylum. Their mother was expected to be in Providence with five children but as she had not yet been seen by the Committee the business was left for the Committee of the next month.

Sophia Horst a German girl was brought by her aunt who on the death of the mother a few weeks ago had agreed to take care of the two children, Sophia and one younger. She had now changed her mind and wished to place Sophia in the Asylum. The Managers decided to wait till Mr. Horst the father of the child, who was living in Providence could be seen; he was expected on Thanksgiving day.

Cynthia Hadley had been brought from the Children's Mission, but the Asylum being now so crowded her case was postponed.

Mrs. Caswell the grandmother of Lilla Shaw applied for her grandchild. Mrs. Caswell bore an excellent character and a home where her relation seemed particularly desirable for Lilla the being a very motherless child. It was therefore

Voted That Lilla F. Shaw be given up to her grandmother.

Mrs. Dean had found Amelia Bishop the little girl had relieved at the Asylum. A woman from Pleasant St. the Cape had come to the Asylum the day before and taken a fancy of a girl. Hearing the nature of

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Amelia's faults he was quite willing to take her.
His name was Kendrick; he had been a Sea
Captain and had formerly sailed for Mr.
Thos. Goddard. Inquiries had been made of
Miss Matilda Goddard, who gave an excellent
account of him and his wife. The Com-
mittee had therefore allowed Amelia to return
with him. Voted that this act of the
Committee is confirmed by the Board.

At Mrs. Bartlett's request it was
Voted That Eldora Gordon be bound to the House and
that Margaret Sheedy who had contracted
habits of intemperance be returned to her former position.

A German had been engaged to take care of
the furnace in place of the former man
who had become insane.

Miss Neal having suddenly left the
Asylum Mrs. Bartlett had employed a woman
to help about the Sewing. It was
Voted That the services of Margaret McLeod be re-
tained for this purpose at wages of $4.00 a
week as long as they are needed. Mrs
Bartlett thought that when the present
pressure of work was over the Sewing could
be attended to by Mrs. Coombs with the
assistance of Abby Wilson.
Voted That the wages of Abby Wilson be raised
to three dollars a week.

Application was made for the admission of
a baby a week old. Miss Schick thought if
the Asylum decided to take charge of the
child no difficulty would be found about
obtaining a boarding place with a wet nurse.

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Although the charge of children under two years old had not thus far been contemplated it was finally decided to take it under the care of the Asylum in the matter should succeed in getting a place as a wet-nurse.

Winifred McCarty was now sixteen, tall & well-formed & stable with her eyes. She could not yet do much work, and would therefore if she remain for the present without wages, doing what she could.

A plain white China set had been purchased for Elfrida and with it she had been much pleased. Sarah Lambert, one of the girls now eighteen, being out of a place for the winter had one dollar with Elfrida, who liked her companionship so well that she would probably keep her for the winter.

The meeting was then adjourned.
Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

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A Special meeting of the Board was held on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 12 o'clock.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Nine Managers were present.

The meeting was called to consider the case of Isabella Warren. Mrs. Bartlett had been very unwilling that Isabella should stay at the Asylum after her return from Mr. Dobson's. She had therefore been boarded with Mrs. Myers, a woman whom several of the Managers knew & could recommend. Permission had been given her to visit her mother at certain times. She had taken advantage of

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this permission & go at all times and to stay Sometimes till a late hour in the evening. The account She gave herself was sufficient proof of the danger & her character and reputation from these visits.

Mrs. Flora Jones, Gabella's Sister had got herself appointed guardian and now made formal application to take Gabella. Her application was refused and after Some Consideration it was decided to remove Gabella & the Asylum until Monday when Mrs. Bartlett should take her to Allen Bay. Mr. Ricker was to give up Ellen Copeland and it was hoped that he would try Gabella in her place.

The meeting then adjourned

Mary Anne Wales Sec'y

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The monthly meeting of the Managers of the Boston Female Asylum was held on Tuesday, Dec. 29.

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Nine Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Tracy be the Committee for the next month.

Mrs. Bartlett had taken Gabella Warren to Allen Bay and Mr. Ricker had decided to keep her. She was to make one of the family and would have a very pleasant and Social home. Mrs. Bartlett had received a letter from her expressing her delight.

Mrs. Bartlett had Seen Mrs. Jones & told her of Gabella's new home. Mrs. Jones had promised not to interfere.

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Ellen Copeland had returned to the Asylum with Mrs. Bartlett; Mrs. Bartlett however did not think it best for her to stay and it was hoped that a place could soon be found for her.

A bad account had been received of Ida Burpee; She had been dishonest and Mrs. Dearborn thought at first she could not keep her. But as Ida after receiving a letter from Mrs. Bartlett promised to do better Mrs. Dearborn had agreed to give her further trial.

Mrs. Bartlett had been to see Florence Nason who was very ill of Consumption in Brattleboro.

A good place for Katy Lafferty had been found by Mrs. de Rochemont in Newington. It was

Voted Katie Lafferty be bound to this lady, recommended by Mrs. de Rochemont.

Mr. & Mrs. Jennewein had altered their sleeping arrangements and proposed to take Augusta Hartmann during the present week.

Margaret Steede's mother had married Mr. Bradlee, a Stone Cutter in Quincy & a steady, respectable man.

Mr. & Mrs. Bradlee wished to take Margaret & it was

Voted That their request be granted.

The mother of Florence and Lilian Herbert wished to take the two little girls. She had married Mr. Taylor, who was Captain of a tug boat, owned a house in Revere and brought excellent recommendations. It was

Voted That these two children be given up to their mother & Step-father.

Etta Simonds, the little child who had been boarded by the Asylum and had been for some time in the Children's Hospital had

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died there of Scarlet-fever.

Early in the month Mrs. Bartlett had taken in two little girls in a sad State from Squalor & Starvation. Their mother Mrs. Gilcrease had been wandering from one manufacturing town to another in a vain search for work. The Children had now improved so much that they would hardly be recognized.

Voted That the admission of Mary Ann and Sarah Elizabeth Gilcrease is Sanctioned by the Board.

Mr. Horst the father of the little girl mentioned at the November meeting had been to the Asylum and seen the Committee. He could find no Suitable home in Providence for his little girl and was very anxious to place her in the Asylum. She had been admitted.

Ruth Ella McLuhae had been admitted. Her mother earned her living by Corking but could get no place for herself and her Child together and could find no boarding place where the little girl could be properly cared for if She was in a Situation away from her. The admission of both these Children was approved.

Mrs. Miller, whose Children had been mentioned at the November meeting, was recommended by Mr. Tilden who Said She would not give up her Children unless urged by extreme want. It was

Voted That these two children be received when they come.

The Case of Ida Swift came before the Board, and it was left to the Committee for the

Dec. 18/74 month to arrange some plan for teaching her to articulate more distinctly.

Miss Koch had been sick and had given notice that she wished to leave. The Committee were requested to see if she would not be willing instead to take a vacation of several weeks.

The baby mentioned at a former meeting had not been but under the charge of the Asylum, as the mother could not bear to give it up. Elizabeth Service had been at the Asylum and appeared very well.

The Children had attended two Christmas Festivals, one at Hollis St. Church and one at Mr. Bradlee's; for the former one a Christmas Tree at home had been prepared by Mrs. Robbins.

A letter was read from Mr. Barbour mentioning a legacy to the Asylum in his hands and stating that it could only be paid to a person bringing a certified note from the Board. It was accordingly

Voted That the Treasurer is authorised to receive the legacy mentioned in Mr. Barbours note dated Dec. 24, and all other legacies left to the Asylum.

Voted That the Treasurer with the advice of Mr. R. T. Paine is authorised to invest as they think best the legacy of $260. received from the estate of the late Mrs. Harrison Gray Otis; as well as all other legacies.

The meeting was then adjourned

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List of girls who completed their apprentice-
ship between Dec. 1873 & Dec. 1874

Sarah Augusta Noble. Good girl. Stayed in
her place till she was Eighteen. Now
visiting her relations.
Alice G. Nason. At her place; doing well

Caroline Remington. At her place; doing well.

Martha Ann Sherburn. Taken by her father; not
heard from.
Margaret Eliza Hull. Not heard from; went
to those who seemed to have a claim to her.
Maria May Kirk. Respectably married.

Mary Henrietta Howe. Good girl; at her
place.

Dora Hoyt. With her mother; good girl.

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Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Jany. 26—

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

Mrs. Tracy had been prevented by the illness and death of Mr. Tracy from taking the last month as she had proposed. Her place had been filled by Mrs. Gerdwin.

Before any other business was done it was Voted That a note be written to Mrs. Tracy to express the sympathy of the Managers in her recent bereavement.

Voted That Mrs. Ware and Miss Stoker be the Committee for the next month.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Mrs. Kirby, an excellent woman, one of whose children was already in the Asylum applied & put in a second. She had two more, a boy and a baby, both of whom she expected to be able to support by living at Service. It was

Voted That her request be granted.

Elizabeth and Ellen Miller had been admitted according to the vote passed at a former meeting. The illness of their mother had prevented her from bringing them before.

Application had been made by Mrs. Whittemore, who had formerly been herself in the Asylum, for the admission of her half Sister Bessy Brown. The child had neither father nor mother and Mrs. Whittemore had so many children of her own that She could not take her herself.

Mrs. Barbee had taken Kate Duffield to Newton to live with Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys. She had there given satisfaction.

Voted That Bessy Brown be admitted

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Minnie Wilson had not done well with Mrs. Gilman; but Dr. and Mrs. True of Gilmanton N. H. friends of Mrs. de Rochemont, had agreed to take her on trial. She had therefore gone to them.

Mrs. Warren had died on Saturday, and Isabella and Anna had both been sent for to come to the funeral. They were now in Boston and Mrs. Jones evidently expected now that their mother was dead that they should be left in her charge. The Managers however decided that they should return to their places at least for the present.

and it was

Voted That the Committee for the next month shall if possible make this arrangement.

It had been proposed that Emma Wagner should live with Mrs. Drake with whom Louisa Follett was already living. Emma had latterly not been doing very well but Mrs. Drake knowing her faults was still willing to take her on trial, and thought that Louisa's influence on her would be very good. It was therefore

Voted That Emma be taken by Mrs. Drake on these terms.

Winifred McCarty had had an operation performed on her eye, which it was hoped would prove successful. She had not been able to take ether, but had borne it bravely. Mrs. Bartlett found Winifred so useful that she wished her to receive wages. It was therefore

Voted That two dollars a week be paid to Winifred McCarty, dating from Jany. 1.

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Ida Swift had been recommended by Miss Fuller as head teacher in the Boston School for Deaf Mutes. Miss Fuller had taken a kind interest in the case and thought that Ida might easily be taught to articulate more distinctly. It was thought that Winfred McCrate might take this particular charge and might receive some especial instruction to fit her for it.

Miss Koch had not contented to take a vacation and had left a few days ago. Mrs. Bartlett had engaged a young woman, a friend of the laundress, to take her place. It was too early to tell whether she would prove the right person, but the Managers expressed the intention of arranging for the instruction of the girls in Cooking whenever a permanent Cook should be engaged.

There had been twenty eight cases of mumps, but they had not been serious and it seemed to be passing off.

The following Vote was Read and Passed.

Voted That Miss Sarah C. Paine, the Treasurer be and she hereby is authorized and empowered, in the name and in behalf of this Corporation to receive of the Executors of the Will of Seth Adams, late of Newton, the Sum of money therein bequeathed to this Corporation being the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars with interest thereon amounting to two 8/100 dollars and to execute and deliver to said Executors, in the name and behalf and under the seal of this Corporation, agreeably to the form hereto annexed therefor and the agreement of this Corporation to refund the amount so paid, or as much thereof as may be hereafter recovered against

1875 — the Estate of said deceased and to indemnify said executors against all loss and damage on account of such payment.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Secty

Feby. 1875 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Feby. 23.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Curtis and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

Katharine Kirby had been admitted according to the vote passed at the last meeting.

The Committee had seen and talked with Mrs. Jones and asked her to bring good References. She referred to Dr. Chadwick and Mr. Doolittle, both of whom spoke well of her and in the highest terms of her husband. A good account of the house had also been received from Mr. Wm. R. Ware who had been there to visit a friend who boarded with the family.

After some consideration, it was

Voted That Isabella Walker be given for the present into the care of her sister, Mrs. Jones, but that Anna remain in her place.

Mrs. Jones appeared before the Managers and seemed content with this arrangement.

Dr. & Mrs. Tree found Minnie Wilson so unsatisfactory that they could not keep her. Mrs. Bartlett hoped that a lady in Everett

would agree to take Minnie. In case She should not the matter was left for the Committee of the month to decide.

There had been twenty Seven Cases of measles in the Asylum, but only two very Serious ones, and all were now better. Miss Newton had been engaged to Come as nurse and had taken very faithful Care of the children for four weeks.

Voted That Miss Newton be paid four dollars a week for her Services and that She be Retained at wages of three dollars a week as long as Mrs. Bartlett Shall need her.

Jessie the Cook had done very well, though She failed in neatness. She desired five dollars a week wages; the laundress also wished her wages raised. It was

Voted To refuse both these Requests, but to promise $4.50 to the Cook if at the of the next month She Should be more Satisfactory in point of neatness.

Miss Hovland would like to take a fortnights vacation now, and after her return Lydia would take hers.

Miss Fuller had wished that Prof. Bell Could See Ida Swift, thinking that he might Suggest Some temporary arrangement for her benefit.

The Treasurer Reported that Mr. Paine Recommended a change of investment of the legacy which Mr. Reed had left to the Asylum.

Voted That this investment Shall be changed in any way deemed best by Mr. Paine.

Miss Brown Said that Mrs. Bacon proposed Resigning her place at the Board, as She Should be able to do no work at present. It was

Voted That Miss Brown convey to Mrs. Fearn the desire of the Managers that She should retain her place among them.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Secy

March 1875 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday March 30.

The First and Second Directresses, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Miss Brown and Mrs. Robbins be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that the Cook had declined the offer made her and had left. Mrs. Bartlett had heard of Mrs. Fearl, who had been at one time Assistant Matron at Deer Island; She had come and had thus far proved very Satisfactory. She had been promised $4.50 a week if She gave Satisfaction.

Isabella Warren had gone to Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Goodwin had been to see her and had heard from Mrs. Jones a very good account of her Conduct. Mrs. Goodwin did not however Consider her Surroundings So wholesome as Anna in her Country home.

Minnie Wilson had not been wanted in Everett. She had been taken on trial by Mr. Whittaker who lived at Mason Vill. N. H. The account from her had at first been encouraging, but later ones showed that Mr. Whittaker was having much trouble with her.

March 1875 — Margaret Sheady had gone quite unwillingly to her mother. Ellen Copeland had gone on trial to S. Walpole to live with Mrs. Boyden.

The mother of Katharine Chute was remarried and able to take her daughter home. Her husband Mr. Murray was employed on the Boston and Albany Rail Road. Good recommendations were received of the man and his wife. It was accordingly

Voted That Katharine Chute be allowed to go to her mother.

Miss Newton had gone, her services being no longer needed.

Two children had been admitted. Addie Patterson Rollins had no parents, her nearest relation being an aunt of unworthy character. She came to the Asylum from the Children's Mission. The name of the second child was Caroline Roth; her mother had died leaving five children; the father could pay the board of some but not of all. The admission of these two children was confirmed by the Board.

It was proposed that three children under three years old should be placed under the care of the Asylum. The first named Abendseller had no mother; the father was a miserable drunkard; an aunt Mrs. Cook had too large a family of her own to burden herself with another child; two grown up half sisters might be able to take the little girl when she should be older, but could not support her now. The second child belonged to Mrs. Kirby who already had placed two children in the Asylum. The third was still a baby; its young mother was too much broken down in health to earn her own living, much less

March 1875 her child's. Suitable boarding-places being offered for all these children and three of the ladies offering to visit and have charge of them it was

Voted To take them under the Care of the Asylum.

Ida Swift had been taken twice to see Prof. Bell but had not found him.

Elisabeth Strain had been very ill all the month.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

April 1875 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday April 27.

The First and Second Directresses, Secretary and Nine Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Bullard and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Annie Mayo, an American child with no parents and no relative able to take care of her, had been admitted since the last meeting. She seemed a good child and had given no trouble.

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting Annie Mayo is sanctioned by the Board.

The Mother of Julia Hewers had died at the Lazaretto Hospital and application was made by Mrs. Benson of Plymouth to adopt Julia, now only three years old. Excellent

April 18th 5- recommendations were sent - and the Managers finally decided & Consent - & the proposal provided satisfactory information as to the Benson's employment - should be sent - & the Committee for the next month. Mrs. Benson understood that the child would still be subject to the supervision of the Asylum.

Martha Cutler was now three years old, but the Asylum Nurses did not wish to part that it was decided to keep her in her boarding place till after the May meeting.

Application came from the Clerk to have with her in the Asylum her daughter, a girl about thirteen years old. It was thought best to refuse this request.

Minnie Wilson had returned to the Asylum and was a great care and anxiety to Mrs. Bartlett. The proposition were such that it was not thought right to ask any lady to take her into her family and it was

Voted That measures be taken for placing her in the Insane Asylum before school without seeking any other place for her.

Mrs. Bartlett finished the rest of the attic finished off and the work had already been begun.

Katharine Wade had gone to her mother. A proposal was made to board Hannah Baker and Maria Noyes in the County if the Superintendent of Public Charities should think it advisable to do so. Of the three children under three years old spoken of at the last meeting Lucy A. Whitehill had been bought but placed at board with Mrs. Caffey. Neither of the

April 1873 - this had come. but Dr. Putnam asked that the mother of the Baker baby might still have leave to place her under the care of the Asylum when ~~the~~ She ~~mother~~ could make up her mind to give her up. The request was granted.

An excellent account was received of Christmas Service.

Voted That Miss White and Mrs. Bullard be appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

The following votes were passed.

Voted That the First Directress, Mrs. Lucy N. Goodwin and the Secretary, Miss Mary Anne Hales be authorized to sell and convey all of the parcels of land in Boston devised to the Asylum by the late Isaac F. Rowe, and to execute suitable deeds of conveyance in the name of the Corporation.

Voted That the First Directress of the Corporation, Mrs. Lucy N. Goodwin and the Secretary, Miss Mary Anne Hales are hereby authorized in the name and behalf of the Corporation and in consideration of the payment of four thousand two hundred and fifty (4250) dollars, to execute, acknowledge and deliver to the City of Boston a deed satisfactory to the City Solicitor with the covenants usual in Streets deeds to said City, of one undivided half of the parcel of land on the Corner of North Street and Hanover Avenue in said Boston, the same having been surrendered to said City and

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taken by the Board of Street Commissioners thereof for a reserve and Order to widen Harvard Avenue passed February 18, 1875, Reference to which is hereby made for a description of said parcel, and being the same estate devised to this Corporation and to the Home for Aged Women, so called, by Isaac F. Rowe by his will proved in the Probate Court for the County of Middlesex May 10, 1859; and also for the consideration of thirty-two (32) dollars to execute, acknowledge and deliver to said Eliot a like deed of an undivided half of a strip of land on said Harvard Avenue taken by the same Reserve and Order, Reference to which is hereby made for a description thereof, it being part of another parcel of land devised to this Corporation and to said Home for Aged Women by said Rowe as aforesaid. Said deeds may be the same deeds of the Corporation or deeds made jointly with said Home for Aged Women.

There was some talk as to the best way of securing medical attendance for those babies who should be taken under the care of the Asylum and boarded out, and Mrs. Goodwin was requested to consult Dr. Homans on the subject.

The meeting then adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Secy

May - 1875

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, May 25.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted — That all bills be paid

Voted — That Mrs. Lyman and Mrs. Bullard be the Committee for the next month.

Mr. Bradley the Missionary had come to the Asylum with Mrs. Lowe, who wished to put her daughter and Grand-daughter into the Asylum. Mr. Bradley had known Mrs. Lowe ten years and recommended her as an excellent, hard-working woman. Her husband spent all that he earned in drink, and the circumstances of the family were such that it was most desirable that the children should be placed under other influences. The Committee had admitted the children subject to the approval of the Board. It was

Voted — That the act of the Committee in admitting Rosina Lowe and Lillie A. Nickerson if transferred by the Court, be and the same is hereby approved.

Mrs. Hackett's little girl had been ailing for months ill and Mrs. Bullard had found it necessary to send for Miss Newton. She would like to keep her for the present as with such a large family there was still need of extra help. It was

2d — That the services of Miss Newton be retained for the present at wages of $3.00 a week.

May 1875 Emma Finn had written to Mrs. Bartlett to complain of her Situation. Mrs. Bartlett had visited her and found that though She was a good girl She was not adapted to the place the families were quite willing to keep her. Two places offered for her. Managers preferred one in Grant where husband and wife composed the family. It was accordingly

Voted That Emma Finn be transferred to the care of Mrs. Dearborn.

Parthenia Hathaway had been visited; She had improved very much and would do well if placed in a family where she could have the supervision of a lady.

Voted That she be placed with Mrs. Benson.

Mrs. Benson appeared very fond of her and would like to keep her. Satisfactory references of Mr. Benson had been obtained.

Application had again been made that Annie Kirker should be placed under the charge of the Asylum. She was boarding in Wayland in a very good place where She could remain if desired. As Mrs. Robbins agreed to take the oversight of the child it was decided to make this arrangement.

Two children were presented for admission. Annie Maude McPherson, three years old, was the child of a hard-working widow of excellent character who had several other children. The other child was named Morgan. She had been in the Temporary Home where She could be kept no longer. Her mother was very poor and found it difficult to

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Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting Rosina Lowe and Lillie A. Nickerson if transferred by the Court, be and the same is hereby approved.

Mrs. Hackett's little girl had been extremely ill and Mrs. Bartlett had found it necessary to send for Miss Newton. She would like to keep her at the Asylum as with such a large family there was [illegible] help. It was

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Voted That Emma Finn be transferred to Mr. and Mrs. Dearborn.

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May 1875 work. Last winter She had been on the Stage as Super-numerary. The Managers hesitated about admitting these Children, the [illegible] Society promising many more one hundred. It seemed hard to refuse them a home however and it was finally

Voted That Annie McPherson be boarded in Wayland for the Summer in a place recommended by Mrs. Robbins and that the other child be taken into the Asylum.

Mrs. Brooks visited a vacation it was

Voted That She take a fortnight at Mrs. Bartletts Convenience.

Adjourned

Mary Anne Wales, Secy

June 1875 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly Meeting held on Tuesday June 29.

The First and Second Directresses, Secretary and the Managers were present. Before the meeting opened Mrs. [illegible] Read to the Managers the death of Miss Parker, who had been for many years Served the Asylum as Manager and as First Directress. It was proposed that some expression of the Respect and affection felt by the Managers for this Lady be sent to her friends in this city

Voted That Mrs. Brooks be one of the Visitors

June 1875 There was some talk as to the churches & Sunday Schools which it would be most convenient for the children to attend. Mrs. Bartlett did not think it well for them to be absent from Gloucester Pt. An afternoon Sunday School [illegible]

a Committee to see what arrangement of this [illegible]

A Kindergarten for the children too young to attend School was advocated by Mrs. Upton & Mrs. [illegible] were appointed a Committee to consider this subject and report at some future meeting.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted Mrs. Sears and [illegible] be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that the upper rooms were now finished but that furniture for them was needed.

Mamie Barker had been to Lacona to board with a friend of Mrs. Bartlett's. She had been taken by Winfred McBaster who was to spend her vacation in Lacona. Winfred's board would be $3.00 a week; her wages being only $3.50 [illegible]

Voted [illegible] pay the difference as well as her fares to and from Lacona.

It was also

Voted to pay the fares of Addy Hilton and Lydia Hapgood when they should go for vacations.

Mrs. Dearborn had changed her mind

Asylum for the present— as her health
was rather delicate and in the scarcity
of older girls She found her very useful.
She therefore wished to [illegible] for her vacation. She proposed that her
Sister, who She felt sure would prove
[illegible] to the Asylum.

Voted That this arrangement be made.

Maria Norris had gone to Wayland to board
for the summer.

The mother of Jenny Allard was willing
to take her to Maine for the summer
and could get her boarded at 1.50 a
week. Jenny being a very delicate child
[illegible]

Arrangement.

Mrs. Morgan sent word that She could
[illegible]

Dr. Peet felt that Mrs. Morgan
management had not been wise and would
like to try Georgiana in the Asylum.
[illegible] was accordingly

Voted To try this plan for the present.

[illegible]

[illegible] mother [illegible]

[illegible]

Miss Schick was willing to take care
of her if She remained there.

Voted That this baby be received in the Asylum
if the mother will sign the papers.

admission.

1875- The children had much enjoyed a place [illegible] the Parker House Block from the [illegible] They had also been to three picnics with Mr. Bradlee's Society [illegible]

Adjourned

Mary Anne Hales, Sec'y

July 27 1875- Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on July 27.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Six Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Sohier be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that the furniture for the attics had been bought. The walls of the play room were very much soiled and it was proposed to have them painted, that being the only kind of finish which in that place could be kept really clean. Mrs. McKee of whom an excellent character had been obtained had been engaged as Cook but had not yet come. Mrs. Great, the present Cook would like for a time to take Miss Newton's place. Mrs. Lindsey had not been able to come. Mrs. Bartlett spoke like Miss Francis & work Bartley as Assistant Matron and per as Seamstress, with Abbie Wilson to help her, at wages of $4.50 a week. This

ment — allowment — was allowed.

4,75 — "Elizabeth Strain had not been at — well. Mary Jane Griffiths had gone to board — Wayland, but no other Children — out of town.

Mr. Bradley applied for the admission of two little Orphan girls named Wood; their mother had been boarded by the Board but thought she could get work if her Children could be provided for. The — years old.

Voted — That Almina Amelia and Mary Elizabeth Bowdoin be received and placed at board — for the present.

The — very Satisfactory, especially as regarded — the Wood children.

A very liberal offer was made by Mrs. Brazier to teach Drawing to some of the children, in the expectation that some — for it as to make it at some time a means of support. The offer — Oct. 1, and to be given twice a week.

Adj. — Mrs. Bartlett had visited Annie Walker and Emma Wagner and brought a favorable report of both.

— resignation of the late Mr. Fred. A. Mace.

Voted — That his bill be ordered to be

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

August 1875 — Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on August 31.

The First-Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Seven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Lyman be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that it was very desirable that more of the yard should be fenced in, in order that the children might have a better space of grass.

Voted That this improvement be made.

Mme. Brasier had visited the Asylum and expressed great pleasure at the prospect of teaching the children. She wished the lessons to be in the morning, and as the drawing Class was only at first to consist of ten or twelve Mrs. Bartlett thought this could be conveniently arranged.

Mrs. Hackett and Miss Haviland had both taken their vacations.

Elizabeth Mann had been spending the month of August with her Sister.

Mrs. Bartlett was much pleased with the new Cook, especially with her attention. Hard though she was not so neat as could be wished. She would also like Mrs. Green to stay for the present.

August 1875 — A Visitor's book account of Ellen Copeland was received. The Board [illegible] Georgiana Jenkinson had given so much trouble that she had been returned to the Asylum. Such a bad account was received of Ann Sanborn now eighteen years old, that the Committee for the next month were requested to find some suitable refuge to which she could be sent. Mr. & Mrs. Northrup who had adopted Mary Elizabeth Kilbie were both dead and it would therefore be necessary to provide some other home for the child. No definite arrangement however could be made immediately.

An application was received from a widow who visited the Asylum with a little girl not yet two years old, for whom she had not been able to obtain a board during a week at service, the case seemed less pressing than many and it was decided to advise the mother to board her child at the Children's Friend.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

Sept. 1875 — Proceedings of the Members of the Boston Female Asylum at their annual Meeting held on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Chaney, after which the children whose names follow were presented for

Sept 17 '75 — Boylston, Sophia Ann Eaton, Mary Ann Gilmore, Sarah Elizabeth Gilmore, Bessie Kean, Addie Talbot Robbins, Caroline Rich, Annie Mary Robie, Lovel Lillie Nicholson, Mabel B. Leach, Annie Dorcas Leach, Eunice Leach, Almira Amelia Bowdoin, Mary Elizabeth Bowdoin, Susey Abbey Talbot, Margaret Sanders.

A hymn appropriate to the occasion was sung by the children, after which the Annual Report was read by the Secretary

Report for the Seventy Fifth Anniversary of the Boston Female Asylum.

When more than thirty years ago the old Asylum in Lincoln St. had been so much accommodated that it needed it better, and the present new house was built, it used to be thought that the new Asylum would hold one hundred children. But however, till lately, has its capacity been put to the test. A few years ago the numbers had gradually dwindled, till only eleven Girls and Seven children seemed to need a home here. But the last year has placed the wisdom of providing such ample room, to the test. For the sake both of Matron and Children it was not wise to go beyond the limit of one hundred; but the applications continued to press, and as our means are larger than our accommodations, we were able to provide good boarding places for some

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who could not be cared for home. It is not strange that the Asylum has been so crowded the wonder is rather that in these times the poor support their families at all, that so many are obliged for a time at least to relinquish their natural obligations. What chance has a woman in the present State of the labor market to earn bread for her own family, unless she is of exceptional ability and strength or has many kind friends to fall back upon. How can many a father from his uncertain wages provide decent home and a woman's care for his motherless little ones.

The new work mentioned at the last Annual Meeting of taking under the charge of the Asylum children less than three years old has been continued and it seems now more clearly to supply a want in the community than was at that time apparent. Nine of these younger children are now boarding with excellent women under the supervision of certain of the Managers who make the oversight of them their especial charge. It [illegible] adds more than $1600 to our yearly expenses, and makes us thankful to the friends who do not forget the Asylum in their donations and bequests.

"Counting all the children those under as well as those over three years of age [illegible]

have no parents or wise their none. and one or two have been Helped by a father who become lost- his wife had no longer the means of providing a safe and comfortable home for his family; but most of them are the children of widows willing to work and hopeing to pay their own livelihood, but unable to bear the burden of their children's support - as well as their own.

The number of departures seems small compared with that of admissions; when children have left - the Asylum and of those but - three have gone to Service places, one little more than a baby, was adopted and has thus far been the darling of her new parents; the others were all taken by their mothers or other near relations. Applications for the Asylum and for the orphans seeking to Shelter many of these mothers had Deserted their and some of their husbands Heavy burdens. ones, willing to provide for the children who had been placed here when times were hard.

The Small number who have gone out on Indenture is due we need to want of application for them as to persons of girls old enough to go to service. While there are so many little ones a fair share of elders is needed for the help they can give in the house, and few can be spared to supply an outside demand.

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Fifty-five completed their year's term the last December. Two of them we have lost their relations have been lost sight of. The others are doing well at their places or with their friends.

The Asylum was not last year so free from illness as we are usually able to report: Whooping cough, mumps and measles each took its turn among the children, but the cases were few of them very serious, and the extent to which the epidemics spread was much less than at first was feared. When we consider the bad constitutions which many of the children bring with them, we perceive how largely their speedy and healthy is due to the watchful care which they receive here. In the Summer months several of the more delicate ones were sent to board in the country. This has been done in special cases before, but never so largely as this year. It seems wise a plan that it will probably be continued.

For the support of this very large family and for the new branch of work which seems open for us of course large means are needed, and we are glad that many friends remembered the Asylum in the disposition of their property. We received has received $250.00 from the estate of the late Mrs. Hallock Glass Ohio, $5.00 from that of Mr. N. J. Reed $50.00 from that of Mr. Seth Adams, and $100.00 from that of

Sept. 18 7s - Mrs. Samuel Bradlee. We have also received notice of a legacy of $3000. from the late Mrs. Sarah L. King of Taunton. If report may be trusted another legacy of $3000. has been made by Miss Elizabeth B. Inches, who served the Asylum most faithfully for many years first as Matron and then as Visitor. Infirmities since ill-health obliged her several years ago to resign this latter position we have had the most proof that her interest in the Institution and the children did not cease. Many such warm friends among its Managers have since its foundation been a blessing to the Asylum. the portraits of two of them, Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Sears have this year been added to those which look down upon successive generations of the Managers here. May the future also stand in these wide stone halls and large hearts will ever be found this a good and happy home for the little children who need its care.

Mary Anne Hales, Sec'y.

The Report was followed by the distribution of prizes to the girls whose names follow.

To Isadore A. Gordon as the Most Deserving Girl $2.00

" " from the Athletic Fund 3.00

" Louisa Gent for Improvement 3.00

" Jane Barker " Usefulness 3.00

" Emma Bartlett " Good Conduct 3.00

" Katherine Krasinski " Studiousness 3.00

" Emma Krasinski " Improvement 3.00

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To	Jane L. Eaton	Improvement	5.00
"	Frances Sabisti	Good Conduct	5.00
"	Selena Edwards	Usefulness	5.00
"	Clara Grace Dodge	Improvement	5.00
"	Amelia Kopel	Usefulness	5.00
"	Kate F. Hodgkins	Improvement	5.00
"	Margaret Scannel	Industry	5.00
"	Alice Gertrude McElroy	Good Conduct	5.00

The children sang again and addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Ellis, & Mr. Chaney. After another song from the children the benediction was pronounced by Mr. Chaney.

The Subscribers were requested to meet in the Managers' Room to elect officers for the ensuing year.

The following list was elected.

First Directress — Mrs. Otis Goodwin
Second Directress — Miss M. E. C. White
Treasurer — Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary — Miss Mary Anne Wales

Managers

Mrs. Chas. E. White
Mrs. Theodore Lyman
Mrs. Philip H. Sears
Mrs. Otis Bullard
Mrs. Fred. A. Snow
Miss Adeline Prince
Miss Arba A. Sloat
Mrs. Chandler Robbins
Miss Harriet L. Brown
Mrs. Greely S. Curtis
Miss Gertrude S. Ellis
Miss Alice de F. Sloat

Proceedings of the Managers

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Sept. 1873.

Voted That Miss Adrianne Paine and Miss Sohier be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Ann Sanborn had been placed in the Mt. Hope Home, to which she was unwilling to go. She was brought to the Asylum who thought best to send her to Dean who thought best to send her to Mt. Hope.

Margaret Morgan had just entered the Asylum when she was taken very ill and Dr. Parmans advised sending her to the Children's Hospital. This had been done.

The Uncle and Aunt of Mary Silva had been found very willing to take her. They were very respectable people living in Boston and already had charge of the elder Sister.

Annie McPherson had returned from Wayland and Sophia Horst who seemed delicate had taken her place.

Mrs. Allard applied to take Jennie. Her husband drew when she had been deserted agreed to allow her $10.00 a week for the care of the two children. Mrs. Allard's good character being known to the Board, it was

Voted That the request be granted.

An estimate for the new brickings had been made. it would cost $150.00

Voted That the work be done.

Elizabeth Shain having been returned to the Asylum, it was

Voted That a present of $15.00 be made to her sister in Consideration of her long visit.

Miss Neale was still quite ill and unable to return. Mrs. Bartlett would like to keep

Sept. 1875 — Voted — Miss. Treat at wages of $4.00 a week. dating
That this sum be paid to Miss. Treat from
her return from her vacation for the winter. to be continued

The Committee reported that they found the house much less neat than was desirable.

Voted — That the Committee for the next month confer with Mrs. Bartlett as to the appointment of some special person to superintend the cellar.

The Executors of Mrs. Sarah L. King having announced their readiness to pay her legacy of $300.— to any one whom the Asylum should authorize to receive it; it was

Voted — That the legacy of the late Mrs. Sarah L. King is gratefully accepted and that the Treasurer Miss Sarah C. Paine is authorized to receive it.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Secty

Oct. 1875 — Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting, held on Tuesday Oct. 26.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted — That all bills be paid

Voted — That Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Robbins be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Edgerly the aunt of Annie Mayo, would like to take her niece and bring her up as her own child. Mrs. Edgerly lived in Milton N. H. and had sent good recommendations. It was

Voted — That her request be granted.

Oct. 16 '75 Mrs. Sent the mother of Ella and Ernestine Street, applied to take her children. She was living in Albany and She and her husband Seemed to have done well by her but when they had taken from the Farm School. There Seemed no objection to her taking the children and it was

Voted That the Committee for the month be authorized to let them to Ella mother provided that She shall furnish Suitable Recommendations.

Mrs. Crosby of Brattleboro Vt. wished to adopt Louisa Haynes. Mrs. Bartlett thought very highly of the place and had allowed Louisa to go for a few weeks on Trial.

Mr. Snow, a widower with three children applied for the admission of his two little girls, one three and the other six years old. He was recommended as an industrious man, by trade a Stone mason, but for a long time he had been unable to obtain work. His parents in Bridgewater would give a home to him and his little boy, but for the girls he could make no provision. It was

Voted To admit these children and board them at the present in a place in Wayland, kindly recommended by Mrs. Robbins.

Mrs. Byers, a woman who had been deserted by her husband and was failing in very poor health, applied for the admission of three children. It was

Voted That her request be granted, that the

Oct. 1875 — Rose Marfard Elizabeth be admitted into the Asylum, and that the two Sisters, Fanny Sarah Ethel, and Edith Lillie May be boarded in some place the decided on by the Committee for the month.

Mrs. Tracy applied for the admission of a child not yet two years old named Russell. The mother had two children and found it impossible to maintain both. Voted that Ida Frances Russell be received and boarded with Mrs. Frey.

Voted That the board of all the children over two years old be fixed at three dollars a week.

Mrs. Bartlett had proposed that Mrs. Hart should have charge of the cellar as well as of the stairs; the Committee thought there had been an improvement in the general neatness.

Elizabeth Strain, though too delicate for hard work, was able to do certain things in the house and at Mrs. Bartlett's suggestion, it was

Voted to pay her wages of $1.37 a week for the present.

Ten girls had joined the drawing class and were much interested in it.

A final account had been received of Addie Fisher.

The yard had been bricked.

Voted That Mrs. Bartlett be requested to state to the Managers every month the number of children in the Asylum.

Voted That Miss White and Mrs. Ballard be appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

The Treasurer's report was read.

Oct. 1875 — Treasurer's Report — October 18, 1875

	Cash on hand Oct. 10, 1874		4398.45
Received	Interest Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co	2600.	
"	" " " " " " Applet. Funds	65.	
"	Dividends Bank Stock	4416.	
"	Taxes on Bank Shares Refunded by the State	1019.66	
"	Dividends on Rail Road Stock	1131.	
"	Interest " " Bonds	1680.	
"	Dividends Lawrence Gas. Co	1700.	
"	" Cocheco Co.	100.	
"	" American Watch Co.	141.	
"	Interest U. S. Bonds	570.	
"	Premium on gold	77.86	
"	Interest on Mortgage	375.	
"	54 Subscriptions	162.	
"	Rents from Rowe Estate	100.76	
	Income for the year		14,137.78

Received	Legacy of $3000. from Mrs. B. T. Reed Consisting of 47 Shares American Watch Co. valued at $4,933. & Cash		65.
Received	Legacy of Mrs. Harrison Gray Otis		2500.
"	Interest on above legacy		112.50
"	Legacy of Mrs. Samuel Bradlee		100.
"	" " Seth Adams $500. & interest		573.75
"	" " Mrs. Sarah L. King		3000.
"	Sale of U. S. Bond		1100.
"	" " 47 Shares American Watch Co.		4879.25
"	" " Land to City of Boston being part of Rowe Estate		4282.
			37,088.73

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Paid for	Provisions	5715.53
" "	Salaries and Wages	3339.69
" "	Orders to Motor for the use of the Asylum	150.—
" "	Clothing	1960.53
" "	Furniture	672.60
" "	Repairs	2070.43
" "	Incidental Expenses	952.25
" "	Fuel	990.61
" "	Board of Children	899.64
" "	Rent of pews in Hollis St. Church	100.—
" "	Prizes	71.—
		16,382.30

Paid for	$3000 Burlington & Missouri in Nebraska Bonds	3,042.30
" "	Interest & Commission on above	91.39
" "	50 Shares Chicago Burlington & Quincy R.R.	7,150.—
" "	Commission on above	20.—

Cash deposited in Rd Boston National Bank 6372.54

37,088.73

Stock Account

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	40,000—
" " " " Appleton Fund	1,000—
Bank Stock	30,200—
Lawrence Gas. Co	17,000—
Cachco Co.	300—
Boston & Albany R.R.	2,600—
Chicago Burlington & Quincy R.R.	12,000—
Lowell R.R.	650—
Fitchburg R.R.	910—
U.S. Bonds	9000—

	Chicago Burlington & Quincy Bonds	7,000
Oct. 1875	Conn & Passumpsic Rivers R. R. Bond	1,000
	Cincinnati & Indiana R. R. Bonds	4,375
	Burlington & Missouri Bonds. Loring Fund	6,000
	Burlington & Missouri in Nebraska Bonds	5,000
	Illinois Grand Trunk R. R. Bond	1,000
	Note & Mortgage of James Tower	5,000
	Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	14,930.54
	" " Provident Institution for Savings	6,176.71
		184,622.25

Errors Excepted

Sarah C. Paine Treasurer

Voted That this report be accepted.

A [illegible] for the little Children was made by [illegible] the teaching would be excellent for them, but feared the expense would be large; on this account no decision was reached but Mrs. Robbins was requested to make further inquiries.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Secretary.

Records of Proceedings of the Managers at their [illegible] meeting held on Tuesday Nov. 30.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Twelve Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Brown be the Committee for the ensuing month.

Mrs. Russell whose little girl had been placed at board by the Asylum a month

Voted That Mrs. Russell's request be granted with the understanding that the little girl cannot be again received by the Asylum.

Mrs. Kennedy applied for the admission of her little girl, who had formerly been in the Asylum and had been removed by her father. Mrs. Kennedy's application was refused.

Good recommendations of Mrs. Grant and her children.

Mrs. Grant, a widow at present very destitute, applied for the admission of her little girl. She could support herself, but was now much in debt and could not earn enough for her children also.

Voted [illegible]

Mrs. Payne, a widow whose husband had been suddenly killed last Summer, had applied for the admission of her children. She was very poor and the Committee liked her appearance very much. She felt so badly at giving up her children that it was not certain that she could [illegible] the regulations of the Asylum.

Voted That in case she does this the children be received.

On Account of Petitions &c. [illegible]

chance for a fish. It was therefore

Voted That Mr Hayward's request be granted.

Margaret Morgan had returned from the Childrens Hospital well.

Voted That a donation of $30 be made to the Hospital from the funds of the Asylum in consideration of the care bestowed on this child for the last three months.

Mrs Brazier wished that three or four of the [illegible] would come & hear them three a week in the afternoon that they might receive more of her personal attention.

Voted That Mrs Brazier's request be complied with, provided the arrangement does not interfere with the School hours in the Asylum.

Miss Bean reported that she had succeeded in finding three ladies who would come to the Asylum every Sunday afternoon & teach the children who [illegible] Sunday School.

Voted That the thanks of the Board be expressed to these ladies for their kindness and that any books they may need be purchased for them

Adjourned

Anne Wales Sec'y

Dec. 1875 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday Dec. 28.

The First and Second Directresses Treasurer, Secretary and ten Managers were present

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Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted [illegible] the Committee for the ensuing month.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Russell had not taken [illegible] as she was now living again with her husband.

Mrs. de Rochemont applied for a bill for her pupil [illegible] Mrs. Bartlett [illegible] the Committee for the next month.

An application had been received from two ladies who kept a School in Belmont for [illegible] to take Georgy Conn, preferring her under the circumstances to a more forward girl. The Managers [illegible] to the Management.

Mrs. Bartlett had heard that Ida Harvey and Mary Tebenham were not doing well.

A note had been received from Prof. Bell [illegible]

Miss Tabor with one assistant had begun the afternoon Sunday School and thought She should like it very much.

Elizabeth Main had now a little School for the [illegible] children, teaching them for about two hours a day.

[illegible] not in School all the time and the recess time had been altered. It was therefore

Voted That Lydia's drawing must not interfere with her School duties; also that there be a morning recess of half an hour, the bell being rung so that the children shall be in their Seats and ready to

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begin work at the end of the half hour, and an afternoon recess of ten minutes.

Adjourned —

Mary Anne Wales, Secy

List of girls who completed their apprenticeship between Dec. 1874 & Dec. 1875 —

Louisa A. Schlett — Doing well

Ellen Jane Whittier. Not heard from; was living with her brother.

Ella L. Kelly. Very good girl

Ella A. Hunt. Adopted. When last heard from doing well.

Delia Kelley. Doing well

Sophia Marcus. Doing well; lives in Chelsea

Lucy A. Kelley

Mary E. Dean. Dead.

Emma C. Lothrop. Married. Object to her connection with the Asylum being known

Mary Jenkinson. Doing well.

Parthenia Hathaway. At her place; doing well

Ann E. Sanborn. At Mt. Hope.

Emma Frances Jones With her relations; doing well

Ethel M. Fox. With her relations; not heard from

Jany. 1876 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday Jany. 25.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Twelve Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Bullard and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Prof. Bell could not teach Ida Swift to articulate until she had a false palate. Dr. Warren thought it was best to let the Mass. Gen. Hospital while this work was being done. As one or two of the Managers had a free bed at the Hospital it was thought there would be no difficulty about Ida going there. The School arrangements as far as Lydia was concerned had been collected. She now went to Mrs. Brasil for an order for the afternoon. Mrs. Seaman had observed that Miss Howland left the School at twenty minutes before four o'Clock. The Committee for the next month were requested to see whether this was customary, and to give directions that the Scholars should not be sent away until four o'Clock.

Mrs. de Rochemont would like to have Caroline Warren bound to her daughter. It was accordingly

Voted That Caroline Warren be bound to Mrs. Wilson.

Application had been made for the admission of a baby, the child of a Swedish woman; it was refused because the Trustees thought it desirable for the child to be adopted.

A baby three months old was offered for admission; the mother whose name was Schaffer was subject to epileptic fits. It was

Voted That this child be boarded with the Matron in Roxbury under the supervision of Miss Wheat.

Jany. 1876. Mrs. Rathbun applied for the admission of three children named Everet from Keokuk. The matter was postponed till the next meeting, until it could be seen whether no other satisfactory arrangement could be made for these children.

A report was read from Mrs. Bartlett - Encouraging several of the girls whom she had visited. She thought Ida Burpee meant to do better; her place did not seem altogether favorable as she was left very much to herself without any companionship. Mary Tebenham and Ida Harvey were improving. Elizabeth Powell, Lily Lafferty, and Nelly Chadwick were doing nicely. Addie Fisher was contented and happy. She did not give entire satisfaction. A good report of Minnie Wilson at Lancaster had been received.

Mrs. Bartlett wished to have another girl found for the house and suggested Isabella McPherson.

A request, coming originally from Philadelphia, was received that some of the Orphans be furnished to be bound out with their Centennial suits.

Ord That the request be complied with by the Secretary.

Adjourned — Mary Anne Wells, Sec'y.

Feby. 1876 Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, Feby. 29.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Twelve Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Ware and Miss Stokes be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that

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Mrs. Bullard [illegible] ; she was [illegible] not Strong. One child, Anna Florence Macomber, had been admitted, subject to the approval of the Board [illegible] Asylum; She had married and died, leaving a young infant, whom [illegible] the Asylum. The little girl had been taken care of by her Relations, but they were poor and now desire to put her into the Asylum.

That the act of the Committee in admitting Florence Macomber is confirmed by the Board.

The mother of Bessie and Mary Hilliard is unable to take her little girls. She had [illegible] her husband had deserted and is [illegible] Nathan Foster, and was willing to [illegible] Voted That her request be granted.

A boy of nine Months old was left [illegible] died. He was no hope needed, and was put in the Asylum. He [illegible] another place to make her home with a brother in Maine, from whom she was expecting to hear.

William Cobb [illegible] excellent character and was very desirous that his child should be placed in the Asylum. He [illegible] and had no means at present of paying board for his little girl.

The Case was Carefully Considered because it was thought that a Needy and Noble man such as Mr. Cobb was Represented to be, must by and by be able to earn enough for his own Support and that of the little girl.

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[illegible] was finally decided to depend upon the exertions of the Asylum and Home Utility Guilds for their funds, with the understanding that her father should at the end of that time maintain her himself if possible.

Mr. Badger had brought a request of Mary Nicholson, to be admitted next month, at which time he would send to the Asylum her little Dollars.

Mrs. Gordon had written to Mr. Stevens and requested to know the kind of bed made at the Asylum. Mr. Stevens in reply had expressed a desire to meet Mrs. Gordon or a Committee of the Managers to consider whether it would not be wise to appoint some proper physician for the work.

Voted That Mrs. Gordon and the Committee for the month be a Committee to confer with Mr. Stevens in this behalf.

Mrs. Robbins asked that the two Barber children received on the last meeting might be placed in the Asylum, if no other satisfactory arrangement could be made for them. This request was granted.

Miss Palmer stated that the Methodist Sunday School had been given up, Miss Milnes being sick and Miss Taber not feeling able to continue the work by herself. She would be happy to resume it if any lady could be found willing to assist her.

Voted That the Committee for the month inform

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Miss Haviland left the room [illegible] away till four o'Clock.

A large amount of Sewing and Knitting had been done since the [illegible] Sewing: Dresses 13; Aprons 10, Suits 1, [illegible] Skirts 11; Flannels 15; Towels 15; Night-Gowns 22; [illegible] 54; Chemises 30.

The following vote was passed at the Treasurer's request.

Voted That the First Directress, Mrs. Lucy A. Sawtell, and the Secretary, Miss Mary Anne Wales, be authorized to sell any or all of the parcels of land in Boston devised to the Asylum (as tenant in Common with the Home for Aged Women) by the late Isaac F. Rowe, and to execute suitable deeds of Conveyance in the name of the Corporation.

It was also

Voted That the Treasurer is authorized to sign an agreement for the postponement of the Redemption of Certain Bonds of Cincinnati & Indiana R.R. held by the Asylum.

Attested.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

Wed. 1 1876

Meeting of the Managers at their monthly meeting. 1st & 2nd Directresses

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary, and Twelve Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. ~~Tracy~~ Curtis and Mrs. Sears be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that an application for the admission of three Children had been received from Mrs. Wynne an Englishwoman. She

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was a widow, and brought excellent recommendations from persons with whom She had formerly lived as Nurse. She could get a place to live out again if her children could be boarded &c.

Voted That two of these children, three & four years, be admitted into the Asylum and that the third, four years old, be boarded out.

It was stated that five children had already been taken into the Asylum & that the admission of a fourth. Mrs. Leach, the mother, was now at the Island Committed for drunkenness. Mr. Leach's plan was to break up his home and board himself and his two boys, as he had no hope of his wife's improvement.

Voted That this little girl who was hardly two years old should be taken and boarded in the country.

The Committee with the First Directress had met Dr. Homans, who saw no reason why he should not take the trade into himself; if he should learn her as he would like & put it into the hands of his brother Dr. John Homans.

It had been impossible for Miss Newton to remain longer in the City Hospital, and She was not fit to return to the Asylum. Her niece Mrs. Vose in Milton would take her faithful care of Miss Newton; and it was proposed that the Asylum agree to pay for her board with this lady for the present.

Voted That Seven Dollars a week be paid for

March, 1878 ... Miss Stone board for twelve weeks.

Miss Stone had seen Dr. Bartlett who had taken care of the children's teeth. He thought it a good plan for them & to the Mass. Hosp. ... would first look over their teeth - thoroughly himself. Mrs. Lyman mentioned some valid objections to their ... the hope that he might suggest some young dr. who would be willing to undertake the work.

... were the ... was unanimously ...

The brother of Elizabeth Spence had ... place which seemed desirable offered with the families of Mr. Leeson in Newton Centre, where she would have the care of a young child at wages of $ ... this arrangement be made, if ... circumstances are satisfactory.

Mr. Roth, the father of Caroline Roth, having ... that Caroline Roth be returned to her father.

Adjourned. — Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.

April 1878 Proceedings of the ... held on Tuesday, April 23.

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary, and ten Managers were present.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Brown be the ... for the ensuing year.

Voted That all bills be paid

It was reported that Mr. Lyman had brought his children to the Asylum, and that Mr. Carlton had removed his little girl. His last service [illegible] Lessen of whom excellent recommendations had been obtained, and was very happy there. Ellen Copeland had been returned by Mrs. Boyden, who had now taken Sophie Jenkins on trial. Mrs. Coolidge had no further need of the services of Eugenia Street and wished to [illegible]. It was voted not to object to this arrangement provided [illegible] of the sum which would be due to Eugenia when she should be eighteen were now paid by Mrs. Coolidge. Eugenia's [illegible] to take her and have her taught a trade. Decision on this point was left to the Committee for the next month, as some of the Managers thought it better for Eugenia to go to a place. Some proposition from the father of Emily Beedem had been received as to his boarding his little girl out of town for the Summer. This [illegible] to the Committee to decide upon. Mme. Bacon [illegible] to give instruction in water colors to the children during the Summer.

That this request be granted.

That the Secretary write a note to Dr. Bartlett thanking him for his past services and asking whether he would be willing to take charge of the children's teeth for one year on condition that the Asylum should pay for the gold used in fillings, and should also make him some Compensation for his Services.

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The School lessons during the month were reported very Satisfactory.

Voted — Miss White and Mrs. [illegible] to examine the Treasurer's books.

Mr. Whilon applied for the admission of his little girl, but as the case needed further investigation it was left to the Committee for the next month.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

May 1876

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held in Tuesday May 2d.

The First and Second Directresses, Secretary and Eight Managers were present.

Voted — That all bills be paid.

Voted — That Miss Ellis and Miss Schick be the Committee for the next month.

A note was read from Mrs. Coolidge Junior said she would pay the $25.00 and take Eugenia about the first of June.

The Committee reported that Mr. Whilon's little girl had been admitted, as there found she had been much neglected. Mr. Whilon had been told that if he took his child he must keep her, this he had decided to do.

Mrs. Geist had remarried and now desired to take Louisa. Mrs. Bartlett thought very well of Mrs. Geist, who seemed like a very [illegible] woman. It was accordingly

Voted — That the Request be granted.

Mrs. Tebenham had also remarried and [illegible] for her daughter; as this did [illegible]

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doubtful it was left for the Committee of the next month to decide.

Mrs. Wiggin who had twice been deserted by her husband was now living with him again in Montreal and desired very much to take Esther. The circumstances however seemed at present so doubtful that it was decided to defer her application.

Miss Pickering would like to take another girl in place of Ellen Chaddock, who would be eighteen in August. It was thought that Emma Finn would be a suitable girl for the place; it was therefore

Voted That Emma be bound to Miss Pickering if she shall desire it.

Viola Stent had been returned to the Asylum by her mother, who from Viola's account was quite unfit to have the care of her children. Mrs. Bartlett did not wish to have Viola in the Asylum, and she had spent a few days at Mrs. Coolidge's with Eugenia, having made known her wishes. Mr. Bailey thought he should have no difficulty in getting Viola a place and with this arrangement the Managers were very well satisfied. Mrs. Bartlett would not object to receiving Viola into the Asylum for her private board and lodging which she would probably soon do.

Mr. McClennan, a widower with five children, applied for the admission of his three little girls. He could board his baby and make arrangements for an older boy if the girls could be received into the Asylum. It was

Voted To take in these three children, if their

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patient also paid under this head for admission is willing to pay the bill.

Mrs. Martha Brown wished to place her little girl in the Asylum. The woman was not prepossessing but seemed very forlorn and said She had been deserted by her husband. The child evidently needed both food and care; it was therefore

Voted That Mary Frances Brown be admitted.

A favorable Report of Ellen Powers had been received. The adopted Mother of Celia Severy had brought Celia to the Asylum, and Mrs. Bartlett was much pleased with her: Mary Cordy had been to the Asylum. Her appearance was unlike, and the record She gave of the relations between her mother and herself was not encouraging.

Mrs. Bartlett hoped that the Ladies would arrange for Elizabeth Strain to board in Laconia during the Summer months. She wished also to have Mary Baker go to Laconia next week as She knew a Lady who would take charge of her at that time. Both these proposals were approved by the Board.

Miss Haviland had taken a week's vacation. The Committee had found the order in the School Room and the recitations in reading, arithmetic & history excellent.

The gardener was willing to do every thing which would be needed for the Summer for $30.— and an agreement on these terms had been made with him.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

June. 1876

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, June 27-

The First- and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Seven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Stott and Mrs. Kitchin be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Louisa Geist had gone to her mother, and that Mr. Barry had found a place for Viola Street. Ida Burpee had been returned and had gone to live with Mrs. Merill, her Sunday School teacher in Roslindale, who agreed to pay her $1.00.- a week.

Mrs. Bartlett had visited the mother of Emma Tebenham; She found no objection to the place, except that Emma might be obliged to work a little hard, as there was a young baby to take care of. It was therefore

Voted That Emma Tebenham go to her mother & Step-father, with the understanding that she is to school in the autumn and remain under the oversight of the Asylum.

Eugenia Neal had gone to a place found for her by her grandmother with Mrs. French a dressmaker. She was to receive $1.50.- a week and learn the trade. Mrs. Bartlett had been to see Mrs. French and liked her. The arrangement seemed to promise well satisfactory.

Miss Barker had gone to Taconic, and Dr. Timmins recommended some change for Alice McElroy, who had been threatened with typhoid fever, and was still poorly. It was therefore

To send Alice McElroy to Taconic.

June 1st. Vacations for some of the other Children were spoken of, but as the expenses were already very large, it was thought best to send no more children out of Country unless their [illegible] paid when they visit it. The matter was left in the hands of the Committee with this understanding.

Ellen Copeland was spoken of as a fit subject for Miss Pickering. It was accordingly voted that Miss Pickering have permission to take Ellen if she should desire to do so.

Several applications for the admission of children were received. Mrs. McFee, who had been deserted by her husband, brought a little girl 15 months old whom she could not support. She was recommended by Mr. Freeland. After some talk, it was
Voted to board Elvira McFee in Roxbury in place of the little Desmond girl, who could be taken in to the Asylum.

Mrs. Ervin, a poor widow whose uncertain wages were entirely insufficient to support her family, offered two little girls for admission. It was
Voted That Elizabeth Jane and Gertrude Annie Ervin be admitted.

Two children by the name of Lent were refused admission, as it was thought they had more claim upon Minnie for their support than upon Boston.

Mrs. Martha A. Clark had been deserted by her husband and wished to put her little girl into the Asylum. It thought by so doing she could support herself as seamstress in a family.
Voted That Minnie Bell Clark be admitted.

A. Waterhouse from the Children's Mission applied for the admission of a Swedish child.

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The mother was dead and the little girl was with an Aunt, who had a large family of her own and could not support her twice, now that the father had gone away and no longer paid her board. It was

Voted That this child be admitted.

Voted That one dollar a week extra be paid to Winifred McCarty during her vacation, in order that she may have enough money to pay her board in Laconia, and also that the fares of Winifred and of Abby Wilson to and from Laconia be paid by the Asylum.

Emma Finn's character had been found to be such that it had been necessary to place her at Lancaster.

It was thought very desirable to find a place for Jenny McClure, who had been so much under the influence of Emma, that her own influence on the other children could be good.

Mrs. Hackett had taken a new class in sewing.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Hales, Sec'y

July 1876

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on July 25.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Eight Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Sears and Miss M. Paine be the Committee for the next month.

July 1876

The Committee reported all the children in Really good health during the very warm weather and that the School work had been well done.

Mrs. Bartlett was very unwilling that Fanny McGuire should leave the Asylum until autumn; She was behaving very well seemed sorry for her misconduct; She had therefore been allowed to stay.

Mrs. Brown, who had placed her child in Asylum has now changed her mind, and anxious to remove her. She had obtained a place in a policeman's family in Dorchester, and could have her little girl with her. After some consideration it was

Left

decided that Mrs. Brown should have her, with the understanding that the child cannot be brought again to the Asylum.

The Swedish child Emma Andersen had been brought to the Asylum, but as She was only three years old and talked English imperfectly Mrs. Bartlett had wished her to go into the country in place of Annie Grant, whom it had been proposed to send to Mrs. Hermans in Lincoln.

Mrs. Hanson, a Nova Scotia woman, applied for the admission of two children, one four years the other fourteen months old. Her husband was a hard drinking man and had deserted her for [illegible] months. She was willing to pay a little [illegible] proposed to [illegible] herself if her children [illegible]

It was Voted To admit only the youngest child. The matron was advised to look for a place where the oldest one could be with her.

Adjourned

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

Sep. 1896

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Sep. 29.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and seven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Mrs. Bullard be the committee for the next month.

Mrs. Hanson's baby had been brought to the Asylum very ill, but had since recovered at Mrs. Sherman's from the effect of country air.

An outfit had been purchased for Isidore Gordon who was now eighteen years old.

There had been many excursions of the children during the month, and they had been to three picnics; to the last of these they had been invited by Mrs. Robbins, and all except one had gone.

Sophronia Hollon had been at the Asylum for her usual summer visit; but she had been so troublesome that it was decided that the Secretary must write to her after her departure and tell her that her visits must in future be dispensed with.

Mrs. Brown had lost her place and now wished her child to be taken again into the Asylum. Her application was denied, as she had taken the little girl with full knowledge

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Mary Moran had been brought by her mother, a poor widow, well spoken of by her neighbors, and been admitted.

Voted That this act of the Committee is sanctioned by the Board.

Application for the admission of the little girl was made by Mrs. Green, but her request was refused, as the case did not seem very pressing and the house was already full.

Mme. Brazier had gone away and the drawing lessons had ceased for the present.

Mrs. Robbins desired much that each child should have a drawer of her own, in which she could keep her playthings & other little possessions. There was much hesitation about adopting this plan on account of the probable expense, but it was

Voted That Mrs. Robbins make inquiries as to the exact cost and report the result at the next meeting.

A very good letter was read from Ida Burpy and another from Lida Street, who had been provided with an excellent place at the West.

Adjourned —

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

Sept. 1876 The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Boston Female Asylum was held on Tuesday Sept. 26 at 10.15 A. M.

The Services were Conducted by Rev. Mr. Chaney, who opened the meeting with prayer, and then baptized the children. Their names follow. Minnie Bell Clark, Sarah Whiton, Lilian [illegible]

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Annie Gertrude Loring, Maude Schaffer, Annie Grant, Edith Ella Wells. The Baptism was followed by Singing from the children, after which the following Report was read by the Secretary.

Report for the Seventy Sixth Anniversary of the Boston Female Asylum.

The work of the Asylum during the last year has been interesting to those who have been engaged in carrying it on, but the Report of this work can hardly interest others. No new plans of any importance have been attempted, no new difficulties of any magnitude have been met and conquered. A straight, smooth stream is convenient for the traveller, but it is rocks, and naked and winding turns that make the pleasant picture to the Eyes on. A very few words will give the account of our smooth, straight Course.

There is no need to say that the house is full. This has been so much the case during the whole year, that the admission of every new child has been a matter of special consideration and Calculation. Every vacant place has been eagerly sought for some new Comer; and pains have been taken to give preference to those Claimants who seemed to have the best right to a home here, as being least able to do without it. The State of the Treasury has been Carefully Scanned to find how many more little children could be taken to board without spending more than our income. Such careful questioning has not probably been necessary since the first early days of the Asylum, its days of small things.

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when space and means would look like more Real to all who Know the Asylum now. With all our Care the expenses have run up to a very large Sum, for we Should not feel justified in turning away any who had a claim which could not elsewhere be met; or in economizing So far as to interfere with the Comfort of those who have their home here. Better encroach upon our Capital, as we have to Some extent done than that. The number taken under the charge of the Asylum this last year is nineteen; but [illegible] remained for So Short a time that it is not worth while to count them. Nine of these, however, have been boarded out, according to the plan adopted last year, most of them being too young for admission here; those who were old enough to enter we were obliged to send for a time, until room could be made for them. The boarding plan continues to meet the approval of the Managers; thus far no inconveniences have attended it, except the expense; the homes have been well chosen, and we are encouraged to adopt it as a permanent arrangement. One of those admitted had a peculiar claim upon the Asylum. It was the only home of her mother, who on her death-bed desired that it should also be the home of her little daughter. When therefore the orphan child was old enough, the Asylum, which was not unable to maintain her, complied with her mother's dying request.

Two of the older girls have gone to places since last September, and three others have been taken by their mothers or other near Relatives. In one case this has been a Cause for Regret; and we were glad to have the mother Return the oldest of her two daughters to our Care; we shall be Still

more fine, when we can see the former one also returned. When money and room are abundant it is an unmixed pleasure to receive a child; but it is generally with some anxiety that we see them depart, wishing then to retain upon whom their have a natural claim or to others. There are, however, comparatively few disappointments, when we consider the whole number of children who have gone out from the Asylum; and some of these disappointments we trust to retrieve.

Thirteen girls completed their apprenticeship last December. The majority of their names stands in the record book with "Good" & "very good" marked against them; one has died one is married, one or two who are with their Relations have for some time dropped their intercourse with the Asylum. One was for a long time a source of anxiety, but she is now in a place where she is safe, and where she will, we hope, lead a better life.

The Managers felt this year that something must be done for the combined instruction and amusement of the flock of nursery children, who too young to join the older ones in School were apt to sit listless and unoccupied through most of the day. A Kindergarten was too expensive, but a little Nursery School has been established for them, under the care of a young teacher, herself lately an Asylum girl. It has waked up and interested those small children who (either with much satisfaction) found their teacher to learn their letters and spell short words.

For the same little children and

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others to come to it for outside Sunday school in afternoon. Sunday School in the house was closed. It began very pleasantly, with every prospect of success, but owing to the illness of one of its two teachers, it was, much to the disappointment of the Managers, abandoned.

Through the Kindness of Mme. Brasier in offering to give free instruction to a certain number of the girls, a few of them have been able to show considerable proficiency in drawing. These lessons have been a source of much pleasant interest, even if they are followed by no future profit.

Two bequests, each of £300, have this year been received; one from the estate of Mrs. Sarah L. King of Taunton, the other from that of Miss Elizabeth B. Inches. They were very welcome, for they were sadly needed. But expenses this year will amount to nearly £1700. This is an annual expenditure which we cannot meet without encroaching on our Capital. But as we have been safely carried through the past, it becomes us to trust that we needs in the future also will be supplied.

Mary Anne Wales, Secretary

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After the report the children sang; the First Directress then distributed the prizes.

A prize of Six Dollars was given to Annie Bell as being the most deserving Girl.

The Appleton prizes were awarded as follows:

To	Selina Edwards	for	Usefulness
"	Isabella McPherson	"	Improvement
"	Elizabeth Miller	"	Improvement
"	Margaret Scannell	"	Industry

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To	Laura G. Allen	for	Good Scholarship
"	Katherine Krasinski	"	Improvement
"	Alice G. McElroy	"	Improvement
"	Clara G. Dodge	"	Usefulness
"	Emma Bartlett	"	Usefulness
"	Mary E. Leach	"	Good Conduct in School
"	Frances S. Scannell	"	Good Conduct in School
"	Frances Darisli	"	Improvement
"	Alice Butler	"	Good Conduct in School

When the prizes had been distributed the children sang again and addresses were made by Mr. Chaney, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Collier.

The Benediction was pronounced after the Subscribers had been invited to adjourn to the Managers' Room and elect officers for the following year. The election was as follows.

First Directress	Mrs. Otis Goodwin
Second Directress	Miss M. E. C. White
Treasurer	Miss Sarah C. Paine
Secretary	Miss Mary Anne Wales

Managers

Mrs. Chas. E. Hale	Miss Ellen M. Stone
Mrs. Theodore Lyman	Mrs. Chandler Robbins
Mrs. Philip H. Sears	Miss Harriet L. Brown
Mrs. Otis Bullard	Mrs. Frank S. Curtis
Mrs. Fred. M. Race	Miss Gertrude L. Silsbee
Miss Marianne Paine	Miss Alice de T. Shaw

Meetings of the Managers.

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Ten Managers were present:

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Marianne Paine and Miss Shaw be

Sept. 1876. the Committee for the next month:

The Committee reported that several small purchases had been made for the house.

Eugenia Street had been married on a very short acquaintance at the institution, & his wife had come to live Albany and resettled Eugenia at her place. The Managers desired that Mrs. Bartlett should make the arrangements at the Girls' Hall and ascertain whether this marriage had really taken place.

Helen Welch was now eighteen and proposed leaving her place & to live with her mother.

Mr. & Mrs. McAlmon the mother and step-father of Ellen Merrill, proposed to take her from the Asylum, She being now old enough to go out. They lived in the neighborhood of Baxter and brought a good recommendation from the Minister of their Church. It was

Voted That Ellen Merrill be given into the care of her mother and step-father.

Mrs. Mason the mother of Margaret Mason, also made application for her child. Her husband was teacher of writing in the Public Schools of Pontiac, Michigan and sent such good recommendations that the Managers saw no reason for refusing his wife's request, although their former impression of her had been unfavorable. The request was therefore granted.

Mrs. Hansen applied to get her second child into the Asylum but as the Managers saw no reason for altering their opinion formed two months ago her request was refused.

Mrs. Giles made application for the admission of Addie Pelmer, the child of a deceased female prisoner who had been at the Asylum Home. The mother could not support the little girl and was willing to give

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It was the doubt in this case was whether the child might not as well be adopted. It was therefore

Voted That she be admitted provided no arrangement of this Kind can be made.

Ida Surfis palate did not fit and no further steps towards her cure could be taken until it could be made to do so. The matter was left in charge of the Committee for the next month.

Voted That a vote of thanks be sent to Dr. Harlow for the time and attention bestowed by him upon Ida Surfis.

Voted That a note be sent to Dr. Bartlett thanking him for his Kindness in attending to the Children's teeth.

There being two vacant places it was

Voted That Annie Snow and Fanny Byers, the two eldest children among those boarded out, should be received.

Adjourned —

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

Oct. 1876

Proceedings of the Managers at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday Oct. 31.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Nine Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Curtis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Margaret Morgan and Ella Merill had gone to their relations according to the vote passed at the last meeting. Matty Palmer had been brought to the Asylum and taken in, as no other arrangement could be made for her.

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A letter from Mrs. Bacon was received for admission. Mrs. Bacon had been deserted by her husband Six years ago, and had since worked for the support of herself and her two children. She was now ill with chronic rheumatism and must be an invalid a long time. From the testimonials which came in her case, it was not certain that she could take the City if some person could be made to the pt. She was received, and in spite of the illness of the case, it was left that Mrs Bacon be admitted.

Mrs. Larkin wished to take the same room that she had formerly placed in the Asylum. M. & Mrs. Larkin lived at Cromwell Station and sent good recommendations. It was therefore

Voted That Mary Ellen Jane be given up to her aunt & uncle.

Mrs. Bartlett had found that Eugenia Street had been properly married, though she had reason to fear that her husband was a miserable fellow.

Mrs. Bartlett had visited Annie Wilson and Emily Conn, and found some trouble at both places, though the difficulties had not been serious.

Mrs. Bartlett wished that Winifred McCarty should take charge of the female children sewing in the afternoon instead of being as much over-taxed; also that Mrs. and that of Elizabeth Mac should each be visited [illegible] week.

It was accordingly

Voted That the Salary of Winifred McCarty shall be for the future $3.50 per week, and that of Elizabeth Mac $2.50 per week.

Two applications for boys' little children were received, but they were refused on account of the

Oct. 1876 State of the funds.

Some small settees were wanted and were left to the Committee for the next month to provide; the arrangements about Lela Swifts' palate were left to the same Committee.

Isidore Gordon was going to Maine to live with a friend of her mother and would perhaps eventually learn there the printer's trade.

Miss White and Mrs. Ballard were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books.

The Treasurers' Annual Report was then read.

Treasurer's Report. Oct. 5, 1876.

	Cash on hand Oct. 18, 1875		63 72.54
Received	Interest Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co.	260.00	
"	" " " Appleton Fund	63.00	
"	Dividends on Bank Stock	3344.00	
"	Taxes on Bank Shares refunded by the State	933.18	
"	Dividends on Railroad Stock	716.00	
"	Interest on Railroad Bonds	260.00	
"	Dividends Lawrence Gas. Co	1330.00	
"	Interest U. S. Bonds	420.00	
"	Premium on Gold	56.69	
"	Interest on deposits in Savings Banks	1054.93	
"	" " Mortgage	156.23	
"	Rents from Rowe Estate	121.29	
"	Dividend Cocheco Co.	23.00	
"	32 Subscriptions	156	
"	of Mass. Mutual Fire Ins. Co. dividend on 4 per cent paid in them	40.80	
	Income for the year		15,221.16

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		15221.16
Received	Legacy of Miss Inches	5000.—
	principal of Sewall mortgage paid off	3000.—
	Sale of $4000 U.S. Bonds — called —	4540.—
	interest on deposits in Savings Banks accumulated since the last extra dividends	2626.41
		38,760.11
Paid	for Provisions	5815.64
"	" Salaries & Wages	3366.11
	Orders to the Matron for the use of the Asylum	125.—
	for Clothing	2124.43
"	" Furniture	208.62
"	" Repairs	648.90
"	" Incidental Expenses	706.45
"	" Fuel	830.70
"	" Board of Children	2406.23
"	" Rent of pews in Hollis St. Church	100.—
"	" Prizes	71.—
		16523.10
Paid	for $7000 Boston & Albany 6 p Bonds	7220.—
"	" Interest & Commission on above	144.—
"	" 100 Shares Philadelphia Wilmington & Baltimore R.R.	6250.—
"	" Interest & Commission on above	13.24
"	" $6000 Philadelphia Wilmington & Baltimore R.R. 6 p Bonds	6190.—
"	" Interest on above	127.22
	Cash deposited in Old Boston Inland Bank	2242.23
		38760.11

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Stock Account –

Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co.	40,000.–
" " " " Appleton Fund	1,000.–
Bank Stock	30,200.–
Lawrence Gas. Co.	17,000.–
Cocheco Co.	300.–
Boston & Albany R. R.	2600.–
Chicago Burlington & Quincy R. R.	12,000.–
Lowell R. R.	300.–
Fitchburg R. R.	910.–
U. S. Bonds	3000.–
Conn. & Passumpsic Rivers R. R. Bond	1000.–
Cincinnati & Indiana R. R. Bonds	437.5–
Chicago Burlington & Quincy R. R. Bonds	7000.–
Burlington & Missouri Bonds. Loring Fund	6,280.–
Burlington & Missouri in Nebraska Bonds	3,000.–
Illinois Grand Trunk R. R. Bond	1,000.–
Boston & Albany R. R. Bonds	7,220.–
Philadelphia Wilmington & Baltimore R. R.	6,250.–
" " " " Bonds	6,190.–
Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	14,430.54
" " Provident Institution for Savings	6,176.71
	194,932.25

Errors Excepted
Sarah C. Pain Treasurer Boston Female Asylum

The following list of garments finished by the children during the year was read. 351 Dresses; 288 Pairs; 194 Skirts; 43 Waists; 35 Sheets; 104 Night gowns; 45 Pairs of Drawers; 38 Chemises; 38 Towels; 200 Bibs. Total 1,426.

The meeting then adjourned.
Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

Nov. 18th 76. The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present at the monthly meeting held on Tuesday Nov. 23d.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Brown be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Dr. Wilson had made the necessary alteration in Ida Swift's plate, and that She had been taken to See Dr. Bell. Dr. Bell thought the Case an interesting one and the chance of helping her very great. It was thought best that the Committee for the next month Should See Dr. Bell and make whatever arrangement with him they Should decide to be best.

The mother of Mary Eliza Smith and Lucy Ann Gerry had now married a third husband and wished to take her children. She said that her husband was able and willing to support them. As nothing was known of the man's character or occupation the matter was left to the Committee for the month & decide with the understanding that the children Should go unless they Should See Some objection.

Mrs. Hackett had been ill, but was better. Two applications for the admission of children were made. One was from Mrs. Constantine whose little girl had already been in the Asylum and had been removed by the mother, because She could have the child with her in the Blooming Hospital. Mrs. Constantine had left the Hospital and the little girl was now poorly cared for in Some Roman Catholic Home. Mrs. Bartlett was in favor of receiving the child as she had liked her. After Some deliberation it was

Nov. 1876

Voted That Hallet Constantine be Readmitted.

Mrs. Constantine was told that no further interference with the child would be permitted.

The other Case was that of a child who had been adopted when very young by a man and his wife, who now had a Children of their own and felt no further interest in keeping this little girl. The application was made by Mrs. Hapgood house Keeper of Dr. Inches the child's mother being a friend of hers. The case did not seem so urgent as many others and it was

Voted so to refuse the application.

This vote was afterwards Reconsidered and the Committee were requested to see Mrs. Hapgood and report the case to the next meeting.

Katharine Lafferty had died of Spotted fever in Newington N. H. She had received very kind care from Mrs. Beane, with whom She was living. Owing to the nature of the disease it had been necessary to burn beds bedding and other articles, and Mrs. Beane had consequently been put to considerable expense. It was therefore

Voted That a present of $40.00 be Sent to Mrs. Beane in gratitude for her kindness and as a compensation for the trouble and expense which She had incurred.

Katharine had a bank book containing a Small Sum of money. In case there Should not be enough to meet the funeral expenses, it was

Voted That the Sum be made up by the Asylum.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales Sec'y

Dec. 18/76

The First & Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Twelve Managers were present at the monthly meeting held on Tuesday Dec. 26.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Sears and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that the mother of Eliza Smith and Lucy Gerry had not appeared.

They found that Mrs. Chapin was willing to have her friend's child adopted and had advised her to try for her admission into the Temporary Home.

Ida Swift was to go every day for a month to Dr. Bell for a half hour's lesson. She had already improved very much. No Settlement about terms had yet been made, but it was understood that Dr. Bell would probably make considerable Reduction on his usual charge.

Mrs. Bartlett had been to Newington and had given the $40. to Mrs. Beane who had. She found done a great deal for Katharine Lafferty. Mrs. Beane was very thankful, and proposed to use part of the money in putting up a head-stone. Mrs. Bartlett had visited Elizabeth Powell, Addie Fiske, Mary Tebenham, and Ida Harvey. The two former were doing very well; the other two seemed to have rather hard places, but Mrs. Bartlett had encouraged them to remain and do their best — at least for the present.

Harriet Constantine had re-entered the Asylum.

Mrs. Bartlett advised that the Children should be taken away from Mr. Edmunds's Church, which they had attended in the afternoon. There was much annoyance from the boys of a Roman Catholic Sunday School in the neighborhood, and, in Spite of the Bartletts attachment to Mr. Edmunds She thought it best for them to leave, and proposed that they should attend

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a Methodist Church in Church St. of which Mr. Hamilton was at present the minister. It was

Voted That this arrangement be made at least for the present winter.

The arrangements at Mr. Chaney's Sunday School were reported as somewhat unsatisfactory. From a scarcity of teachers some of the older girl about fifteen years old were employed to teach the little ones. Of this the Managers heartily disapproved, and it was decided to keep at home both teachers and Scholars of these classes until some other plan should be adopted. The Secretary was requested to write to Mr. Chaney to this effect.

The Managers were much startled to hear that the house had during the month caught fire. The fire had not proved serious, but the Managers felt that nothing must be left undone to prevent the ~~instance~~ recurrence of such a danger. After much discussion it was

Voted That Mr. Curtis, the head of the Fire Commission be invited to make a thorough investigation of the premises; and that Mrs. Goodwin be united with the Committee of the month to form a Committee to consult with Mr. Curtis and to adopt any measures deemed necessary by him for the proper protection of the house.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales Sec'y

Jany. 1st 1877

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jany. 30.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Twelve Managers were present.

Jany. 1877 Voted That all bills be paid.
Voted That Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Robbins be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mr. Curtis had made a thorough examination of the house. Some alterations had been suggested and had been made with very little trouble. Instructions had been given to the Chore-man who had since taken very good care of the furnace. The School was reported to be very orderly and the lessons well said. The kitchen was not very neat; the cook being kind and pleasant but not tidy. The Committee thought that more might be done about teaching the children sewing. Ida Curtis had improved somewhat.

Mrs. Colburn applied to take her niece Jane Barker for her daughter, Mrs. Butler, who lived in Chelsea. Good references were sent by Mr. & Mrs. Butler, and Mrs. Colburn herself was liked by Mrs. Bartlett. It was Voted That Jane Barker be bound to Mr. & Mrs. Butler.

A little Italian girl named Mary Giglio had been admitted. Her mother was very worthless and the father who begged very hard for the admission of his child had been in the State Prison. The child seemed very forlorn and it was

Voted That the act of the Committee in admitting Mary Giglio be Sanctioned by the Board.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

Feby. 1877

The monthly meeting of the Managers was held on Tuesday February 27.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Tracy and Miss Brown be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Mrs. Barron the mother of Eliza Smith and Lucy Gerry had applied again to take her children. She had brought references and the proper investigations had been made; the result of these was that the Committee did not think Mr. Barron's wages high enough to warrant proper accommodations and Care being given to the children.

It was therefore.

Voted That Mrs. Barron's Request be Refused, at least until Mr. Barron shall receive larger pay.

Application was made by Mr. Moran to take his niece Kate F. Hodgkins, now fifteen years old and lame. Mr. Moran brought a recommendation from the Rector of Boston College. He seemed like a respectable man well able to give a home to his niece, to whom he expected to bring up with his own children. It was

Voted That Kate F. Hodgkins be given up to the Care of her uncle, Mr. Moran.

Mrs. Dr. Lane of Newburyport and her sister Mrs. Collins of Amesbury both wished to take girls from the Asylum. Mrs. Bartlett proposed the oldest Sisters for the two places, both of which seemed very desirable ones. It was accordingly

Feby. 1877

Voted That Sarah and Jane Alcott be bound to Mrs. Towne and Mrs. Collins, or any other two fits of Suitable ages whom these ladies may select.

A note was received from Mrs. Knight - saying that Georgie Brown could be kept no longer. It was thought at first that the girl must be given up to some City or State Institution, but it was afterwards suggested that she could probably stay at the Children's Mission until Mr. Bailey could find a place. Mr. Bailey made application for the admission of Cynthia Hadley, a little girl nine years old, much in need of a home.

Voted That this little girl be admitted.

Mrs. Crane came to the Asylum to show the result of the teaching upon the deaf. This result was considered highly Satisfactory by the Managers. The three months' instruction at a cost of $125 - would be finished, in the case of Mabel, but it was thought best to wait till the next meeting, to decide about Continuing the lessons.

Adjourned

Mary Anne Wales, Secy

Elizabeth Mann's teaching of her little class was reported as very Satisfactory - and it was

Voted That her wages be raised to $2.50 a week.

March 1877

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 27.

The Second Directress, Treasurer, Secretary and Eleven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Bullard and Miss Sohier be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Sarah Hoar had gone to her place, and a very satisfactory letter received from her was read. Cynthia Hadley had been admitted. Miss Knight had concluded to give Georgie Conn a further trial.

Mrs. Martin from Charlestown applied for the admission of her little girl. She was a widow and brought good references. Her aunt with whom she had lived was about breaking up housekeeping, and Mrs. Martin thought if her little girl could be provided for she could find a place at Service for herself and her little boy.

Voted That this Child be admitted as soon as there is a vacancy.

The School had been found in excellent order; the writing and arithmetic were especially commended, and the sewing had much improved; a new and better arrangement had been made about the darning.

The teachers both thought that an occasional visit to the public Schools would be of great benefit to them.

Voted That one half day once in three months be granted to each of them for this purpose.

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The Committee thought the laundry and other lower rooms looked in better order.

Mrs. Leeson made application to take girl. The place was known to be a good one, Elizabeth Service having already been there and it was

Voted That Mrs. Leeson's request be granted if a suitable girl can be found.

A proposal was received from Mrs. Crane to take Ida Swift as a private pupil and Continue her instruction for three months at a Charge of $15.00

Voted That this offer be accepted.

Adjourned — Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

^ Another application for the admission of a child was made but was refused because the little girl had a Contagious humor.

April 1877

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 24.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Seven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid

Voted That Mrs. Curtis and Miss Ellis be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Ellen Kirby, a delicate child, had died on April 4. of Consumption of the blood. Very little had been done during the month. Katharine Krazenstein would not be wanted at her place till June.

Application was made for the admission of a little girl two years old. The parents were American, the father was in Consumption and could be taken Care of by his relations, the

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needed thought. She could maintain herself. After some consideration it was

Voted That this little girl be admitted and placed at board.

The child now at board was to be taken in to the asylum and it was decided at once that a second must be taken in next month.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y

May 1877

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 29.

The Five Directors, Treasurer, Secretary and Seven Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Miss Storer and Mrs. Sears be the Committee for the next month.

The little child proposed for admission at the last meeting had not been brought, arrangements having been made by which the matron could keep it at least for the present. Vote had been cast in Miss Nichols and Miss Sears in Mrs. Collins, but as she declined to be placed at present no other applications for girls had been received, but Mrs. Bartlett thought she could speak to some of the older girls, whom she could recommend.

Several applications for the admission of children had been received. Mrs. Clark, a young married woman with a large family wished

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that three of her children should be taken as a baby and two three years old. She is a thrifty & respectable and hard-working Irish family in Charleston, but proved a very worthless fellow. The Committee had visited the home & found that they had received the baby improperly and placed her at board until the decision of the Board should be known. It was

Voted to sanction this act of the Committee & let the other two children

Miss Clapp, Matron of the Infant Asylum, asked that Eugene De Lory a child two years old, should be placed under the care of the Asylum. Mrs. De Lory was a very respectable woman, but very poor and with five other children. Mary had been delicate and they believed now would in Miss Clapp's opinion soon become sickly again if she were removed from her present boarding place. The mother was

Voted That this child be admitted.

Another child was offered a baby now boarding at Charlestown. The mother was an unmarried woman and sick with severe trouble. There seemed no reason why the child should not be adopted, and the request was refused, the need of economy being strongly felt.

Almira Bowdoin had been brought from her boarding place during the month. It was

Voted To recall from their boarding places the four oldest children now at Board.

Voted That Mrs. Bullard and Miss White be appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's books

Adjourned

Mary Anne Hale, Sec'y

June 1877

The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 26.

The First and Second Directresses, Treasurer, Secretary and Six Managers were present.

Voted That all bills be paid.

Voted That Mrs. Lyman and Miss Stone be the Committee for the next month.

The Committee reported that Jenny McGuire had gone to a place but had only staid a fortnight; she had made herself so disagreeable that the lady was unwilling to keep her longer. Mrs. Bartlett hoped that another place might be provided as soon as possible, as her influence in the Asylum [illegible] not found. It was left to the Committee to provide a place through Mr. Darby if possible.

Katty Collom, Susan Appenzeller, Ella Snow and Lily Byers had all returned to the Asylum according to the vote passed at the last meeting; they all showed that they had been well cared for.

Mrs. Warren had applied for her daughter Alice, now ten years old. Mrs. Warren was living at the West with her uncle and aunt, Seven in their family; Alice would go to School with other children in the family. Mrs. Warren's husband was now in the State Prison; his term would be out in the Course of a year and it was very desirable that his wife and child should be out of his way.

Voted That Mrs. Warren's request be granted;

June 1877 Mrs. Bartlett was desirous that Minnie Barker should be boarded in the Country in the Summer. She ~~Aunt~~ Could be boarded at $1.50 a week.

Voted That She be boarded for four weeks on those terms.

The Committee had ascertained that there were about twelve girls now old enough to go out.

The children had been to one pic nic with Mr. Chaney's Sunday School and would go to another with Mr. Edmunds's. Eighteen girls had been to one of the Old South lectures. The Board of Health had visited the Asylum because the neighbors had complained of a disagreeable Smell. It was found that the Swill barrel leaked. Mrs. ~~Burt~~ Goodwin Spoke of a very good arrangement for Swill made by the Old Ladies' Home and it was

Voted That the Committee endeavor to make a similar one for the Asylum.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Secy

July 1877 The Managers held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 31.

The First Directress, Treasurer, Secretary, and Ten Managers were present.

Mrs. Clarke whose baby had been taken by the Asylum now applied again that her twins might be admitted. She seemed in very forlorn circumstances and evidently did not know what She could do with her children whom her husband's family refused to support. She thought was going to have another baby;

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the case seemed such a pressing one that it was
Voted To admit Ada and Ida Clarke.
Mrs. Blazo, a woman highly recommended by
Ms. Crowell, applied for the admission of her
little girl. She earned her livelihood by nursing
but found very little to do, and could not support
her child. Voted That Ellen Blazo be ad-
mitted.
A French Canadian woman named Grenier presented
for admission two nieces, whom she had brought
from Canada in order that ~~that~~ they might not
be brought up Roman Catholics. The case was in
some respects an interesting one, but the request
was refused, as there might be more pressing claims.
Mrs. Tower applied for her daughter Rosa and for
her grand daughter Lilly Nickerson. Mrs. Tower had
a good place in Waltham and was thought by
Mrs. Sears, who had investigated her circumstances, to
have means sufficient to support her child; her
relatives also were well off. The Mother of Lilly Nickers.
in had remarried, was living in Maine and felt
able to take for her little girl.
Voted That Rosa Tower be given up to her mother and
that Lilly Nickerson be given up to her mother.
Mrs. Cummings, who had placed her daughter, Addie
in the Asylum when she was in poor health,
was now better and had a position as teacher in
the Mid-School. She felt able to support Addie,
whom she could board with a friend.
Voted. That Addie Cummings be given up to her mother.
Jenny McGeehe was still in the Asylum.
Voted That all bills be paid. Mrs. Bullard
Voted That Miss Marianne Prine and ~~Miss Schiel~~ be the
Committee for the next month.

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List of Girls who completed their apprenticeship

Adeline Hathaway – Left – Mrs. Holbrook – Good Girl

Fanny McGuire – In a Store – Good Girl

Henrietta Thomson – At Service – Doing well.

Minnie Wilson – Lancaster Reform School – Improving

Helen Welch – With her mother – Good Girl

Sarah Webber – With her aunt – Good Girl

Lucy Jane Floyt – Adopted – Good Girl

Ellen Donovel – Adopted – Good Girl

Ellen Chaddock – At Natick with her mother –

Katharine Lafferty – Dead –

Caroline Colman – Went to her mother; not heard from for a long time

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Mary Lebenham had been returned by Mrs. Brown, and was now with her mother. She was sent back with no money and no new clothes; it was therefore thought best for the Secretary to write to Mrs. Brown and request the payment of $2.00 as recompense for Mary's services.

Miss Wakefield had been engaged to take Mrs. Teal's place. She had come on trial for four weeks and this far had proved satisfactory.

The children had been to the Mission to see the President; they had been to Cambridge on Commencement day; Sis had gone to Weston to board for a week on invitation from Mrs. Robbins.

The following vote was passed.

Voted That the Legacy of Two Thousand ($2,000) Dollars given to the Boston Female Asylum by the last will of Quincy Tufts be accepted by the Boston Female Asylum upon the terms set forth in said will, namely that the same be invested in a permanent fund the yearly income of it to be expended for the benefit of the objects of the said Society.

Adjourned.

Mary Anne Wales, Sec'y.